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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE

During the month of March 2018, total imports to Barbados were valued at \$261.8 million, whilst total exports from Barbados were valued at \$78.5 million. This resulted in a visible trade deficit of \$183.3 million, as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$185.2 for March 2017.

Imports for March 2018 were \$4.7 million less than imports for March 2017, a decrease of 1.7%. Total exports decreased by \$2.7 million or 3.4% of the March 2017 figure. Domestic exports decreased by \$0.0 million or 0.0% over March 2017, while the value of re-exports decreased by \$2.7 million or 6.4% over the corresponding period 2017.

For the period January – March 2018, the value of imports to Barbados was \$766.6 million, whilst the value of total exports was \$250.8 million representing an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$515.8 million as compared to a similar deficit of \$531.4 million for January – March 2017.

Imports for January – March 2018 were \$24.9 million less than imports for the same period 2017, a decrease of 3.1%. Total exports showed a decrease of some \$9.3 million or 3.6% over the January - March 2017 figure. Domestic exports increased by \$8.8 million or 7.7% over January – March 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by \$18.1 million or 12.4% over the corresponding period 2017.

CARICOM TRADE

During the month of March 2018, total imports from CARICOM countries were valued at \$61.4 million, whilst total exports to CARICOM were valued at \$26.8 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$34.6 million as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$20.8 million for March 2017.

Total CARICOM imports for March 2018 were \$14.5 million more than CARICOM imports for March 2017, an increase of 30.8%. Total exports to CARICOM for March 2018 were \$0.6 million more than total exports for March 2017, an increase of 2.5%. Domestic exports increased by \$2.5 million or 11.9 % over March 2017. The value of reexports decreased by some \$1.9 million, or 36.4%, over the March 2017 figure.

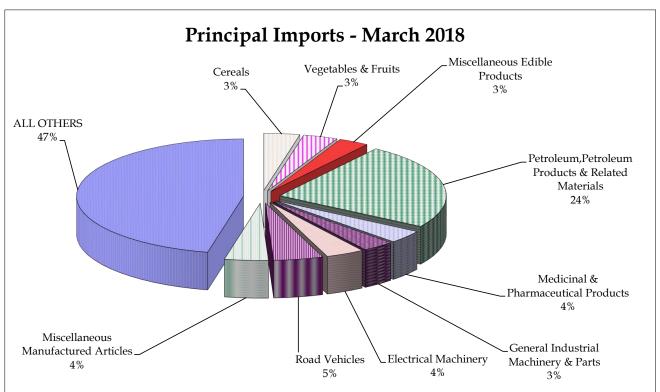
For the period January – March 2018, total imports from CARICOM were valued at \$158.4million, whilst total exports were \$82.8 million resulting in an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$75.6 million as compared with a deficit of \$85.5 million for the same period of 2017.

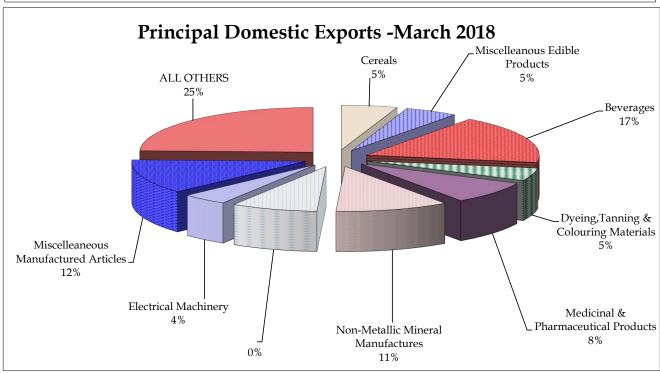
During this period, CARICOM imports were approximately \$7.8 million less than those over the same period in 2017, a decrease of 4.7%. Total exports to CARICOM for January – March 2018 were \$2.2 million more than total exports for the corresponding period 2017, an increase of 2.7%. Domestic exports increase by approximately \$10.7 million or 17.1% over the same period 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by \$8.5 million or 46.5% over the January – March 2017 figure.

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

TABLE 1

	S.I.T.C	IMPORT	S(c.i.f)	EXPORTS(f.o.b)						
	SECTION			DOM	ESTIC	RE-EXI	PORTS	TO	TAL	
		<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	50,381,018	53,409,467	6,093,411	6,752,593	518,729	685,560	6,612,140	7,438,153	
1	BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	8,146,385	8,167,344	6,754,609	8,912,868	817,367	2,417,123	7,571,976	11,329,991	
2	CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	5,586,046	6,874,929	335,163	514,086	4,823	342,295	339,986	856,381	
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	67,748,959	43,092,972	79,965	43,946	23,680,572	19,207,339	23,760,537	19,251,285	
4	ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	1,634,191	1,317,282	303,910	429,992	298	12,990	304,208	442,982	
5	CHEMICALS	26,814,363	30,433,330	7,441,308	5,959,505	6,846,710	6,971,482	14,288,018	12,930,987	
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	25,048,005	32,272,342	7,994,835	5,129,675	443,952	698,377	8,438,787	5,828,052	
7	MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	47,299,523	55,536,140	2,216,696	3,164,673	283,810	528,372	2,500,506	3,693,045	
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	28,701,709	34,803,163	7,224,765	7,184,455	7,275,193	11,764,800	14,499,958	18,949,255	
9	MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	490,184	606,952	242,389	583,188	15,300	300	257,689	583,488	
	TOTAL*	261,850,383	266,513,921	38,687,051	38,674,981	39,886,754	42,628,638	78,573,805	81,303,619	

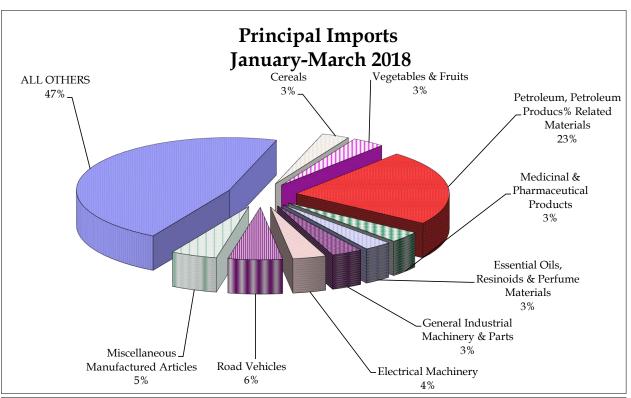




VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C JANUARY - MARCH 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

TABLE 2

_	S.I.T.C	IMPORTS(c.i.f) EXPORTS(f.o.b)							(BDS \$)
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	SECTION			DOME	STIC	RE-EXPO	DRIS	IC	OTAL
		<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	143,864,505	137,056,591	16,791,639	16,956,967	2,824,715	1,938,672	19,616,354	18,895,639
1	BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	24,006,454	24,570,589	22,508,945	23,071,659	4,599,001	9,677,634	27,107,946	32,749,293
2	CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	14,525,280	12,937,891	1,493,399	2,119,922	72,954	349,199	1,566,353	2,469,121
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS*	184,616,330	171,147,166	7,986,056	6,407,870	73,066,161	61,475,759	81,052,217	67,883,629
4	ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	5,262,724	4,041,799	996,424	783,842	819	25,835	997,243	809,677
5	CHEMICALS	81,295,599	80,113,394	20,453,398	17,129,718	13,693,317	21,951,681	34,146,715	39,081,399
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	77,203,465	89,079,750	22,033,348	17,878,059	1,641,968	4,949,581	23,675,316	22,827,640
7	MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	141,034,285	172,083,665	7,231,273	8,529,952	1,025,329	2,652,330	8,256,602	11,182,282
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	92,246,323	98,012,497	22,106,580	19,649,310	30,990,123	43,045,795	53,096,703	62,695,105
9	MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	2,556,621	2,433,381	1,246,877	1,490,656	48,950	16,406	1,295,827	1,507,062
	TOTAL*	766,611,586	791,476,723	122,847,939	114,017,955	127,963,337	146,082,892	250,811,276	260,100,847



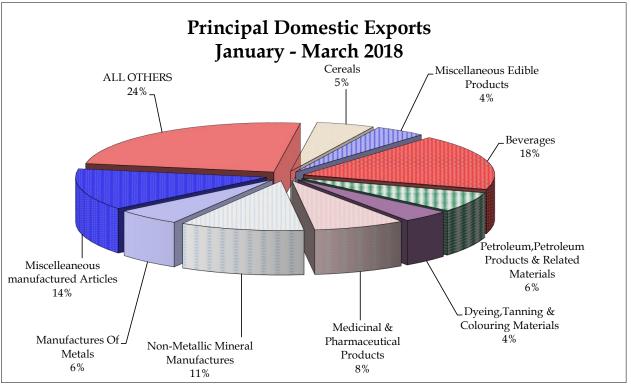


TABLE 3

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP

MARCH 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

								(BD2 2)		
	IMPORTS	(c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)						
COUNTRY			DOMES	TIC	RE-EX	PORTS	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>		
UNITED KINGDOM	9,575,053	11,357,194	822,154	1,382,276	468,413	75,675	1,290,567	1,457,951		
CANADA	4,331,434	6,161,433	2,241,410	1,855,869	85,175	18,274	2,326,585	1,874,143		
UNITED STATES	87,333,930	104,044,171	6,634,890	6,997,311	10,995,884	14,979,930	17,630,774	21,977,241		
CARICOM *	61,467,674	47,009,813	23,585,649	21,070,152	3,271,050	5,140,203	26,856,699	26,210,355		
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	1,742,799	2,300,335	10,279,729	9,300,165	2,805,599	2,235,064	13,085,328	11,535,229		
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	13,412,015	5,094,456	1,723,775	1,522,270	338,941	609,547	2,062,716	2,131,817		
PUERTO RICO	13,311,959	6,615,367	44,344	31,422	3,000	320	47,344	31,742		
VENEZUELA	456	-	20	72	-	278	20	350		
JAPAN	8,107,754	6,295,496	-	290	-	-	-	290		
GERMANY	2,864,769	4,526,580	30,004	287,109	-	13,589	30,004	300,698		
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	61,445,097	75,409,403	3,604,805	5,528,210	1,043,779	2,584,531	4,648,584	8,112,741		
STORES/BUNKERS *	242	8	-	-	23,680,512	19,206,291	23,680,512	19,206,291		
TOTAL *	261,850,383	266,513,921	38,687,051	38,674,981	39,886,754	42,628,638	78,573,805	81,303,619		

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ВГ	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017	
	044	Maize Unmilled	2,134,376	2,003,385	
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	1,756,695	1,958,247	
	098	Edible Products	4,095,540	3,924,714	
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	4,222,164	3,107,302	
UNITED STATES	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	1,893,546	2,911,468	
	642	Articles Of Paper	2,205,011	2,600,609	
	743	Other Pumps	2,040,348	1,135,357	
	821	Furniture And Parts	2,086,413	2,311,442	
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,431,167	2,383,228	
	897	Jewellery	1,901,382	472,299	
	022	Milk And Cream	446,253	243,017	
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,448,034	1,120,782	
	098	Edible Products	1,160,446	919,059	
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,787,608	924,361	
TRINIDAD & TOB.	112	Alcoholic Beverages	531,307	144,636	
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	36,816,749	27,965,539	
	344	Petrol Gases	3,660,670	-	
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	766,084	1,222,324	
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,255,319	987,614	
	893	Articles Of Plastic	418,831	448,001	
	098	Edible Products	1,334	_	
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	13,384,797	5,025,350	
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,139	-	
	759	Office Machine Parts	1,668	651	
BAHAMAS	771	Electric Power Machines	953	-	
	831	Travel Goods, Handbags	11,502	-	
	892	Printed Matter	4,621	-	
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,967	-	
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	12,209,183	6,045,615	
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	54,667	21,304	
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	267,212	101,938	
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	134,972	31,818	
PUERTO RICO	726	Printing, Binding Machinery	37,562	366	
	752	Data Processing Machines	94,506	261	
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	20,347	2,422	
	872	Medical Appliances	24,375	-	
	884	Optical Cord	80,592	-	
	893	Articles Of Plastic	122,610	226,120	
	625	Rubber Tyres, Cases	446,704	489,897	
	692	Metal Containers	451,414	168,267	
	752	Data Processing Machines	1,410,527	698,896	
	761	Television Receivers	375,650	86,078	
CHINA, PEO.REP.	764	Telecommunication Equipment	1,197,597	1,031,210	
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	877,030	65,669	
	775	Household Type Equipment	367,678	280,462	
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	352,632	240,561	
	851	Footwear	401,193	642,616	
	893	Articles Of Plastic	599,574	409,914	

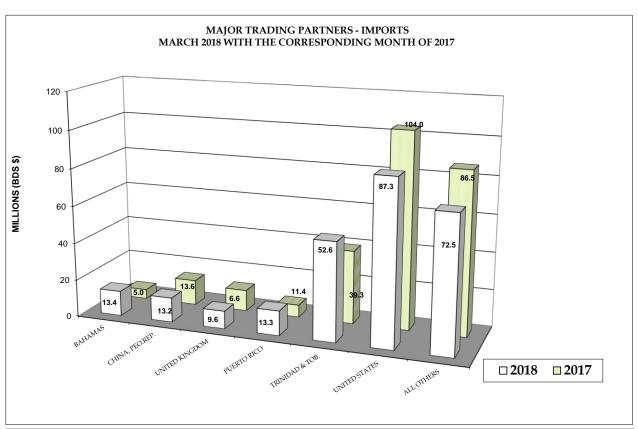
MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS MARCH 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BD	S(\$)
			2018	2017
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	281,842	194,437
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	2,635,097	3,314,541
	635	Wood Manufactures	112,928	28,266
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	177,012	209,073
UNITED STATES	692	Metal Containers	117,170	8,800
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	912,609	1,356,118
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	479,225	20,600
	885	Watches And Clocks	249,262	-
	897	Jewellery	351,669	22,562
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	843,500	602,498
	017	Meat Prepared	109,832	-
	022	Milk And Cream	50,214	44,850
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	273,765	261,250
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	116,308	198,805
GUYANA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	141,960	48,396
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	516,971	357,918
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	45,094	80,143
	661	Lime, Cement	2,452,835	954,678
	892	Printed Matter	170,033	115,935
	893	Articles Of Plastic	180,648	313,698
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	308,592	215,868
	091	Margarine And Shortening	1,070,570	1,032,756
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	136,588	1,032,730
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	148,286	22,476
TRINIDAD & TOB.	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	650,568	629,590
TRICTION & TOD.	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	211,440	-
	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	497,274	652,231
	692	Metal Containers	244,046	484,756
	892	Printed Matter	166,109	105,798
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	132,178	9,260
	047	Other Canada Mada Flares	111 700	FF 002
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	111,798	55,902
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	85,608	342,785
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	66,448	95,808 275,222
TAMAICA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	68,484	275,333
JAMAICA	512 542	Alcohols, Phenols	552,886 752,782	208,831
	542 501	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	752,783	465,384
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides Metal Containers	234,713	91,911
	692 773		862,297 96,610	824,571 130
	892	Electric Dist Equipment Printed Matter	770,343	630,176
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	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	176,251	221,917
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	96,808	53,101
	059	Fruit Juices	247,753	181,275
	091	Margarine And Shortening	119,924	241,729
ST. LUCIA	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	424,470	185,408
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	312,641	77,232
	574	Polyacetate Expoxide Primary	168,720	-
	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	113,482	104,639
	661	Lime, Cement	88,259	172,951
	893	Articles Of Plastic	115,126	24,120

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

COUNTRY SITC GROUP DESCRIPTION BDS(\$)

			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	23,680,512	19,206,291
	072	Charalata And Duamanations Of Cossa	402 774	E27 269
	073 112	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	402,774	527,268
	553	Alcoholic Beverages Perfumery, Cosmetics	124,219 4,499,748	121,828 4,019,586
	831	Travel Goods, Handbags	337,111	1,305,449
		<u> </u>		
UNITED STATES	841 842	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	157,555 203,273	1,225,445 650,358
UNITED STATES		Female Clothing Non Knitted		748,899
	845 851	Articles Of Apparel Footwear	75,840 398,310	
				1,091,957
	885	Watches And Clocks	384,197	1,310,945
	897	Jewellery	3,695,537	1,401,376
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	249,298	5,467
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	20,509	9,079
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	526,299	208,359
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	20,907	5,677
	641	Paper And Paper Products	29,332	27,583
ST. LUCIA	665	Glassware	18,146	18,567
	872	Medical Appliances	42,740	43,174
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	29,464	1,272
	885	Watches And Clocks	55,243	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	15,114	14,531
	642	Auticles Of Pancy	0.260	
	642	Articles Of Paper	9,269	-
	831	Travel Goods, Handbags	3,758	-
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	294,454	-
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	94,307	-
DANIANA	843	Male Clothing Knitted	39,395	-
PANAMA	844	Female Clothing Knitted	1,111	-
	845	Articles Of Apparel	60,003	-
	846	Clothing Accessories	5,349	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	5,630	-
	851	Footwear	17,220	1,040
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	69,464	7,367
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	115,265	11,044
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	23,773	37,563
	665	Glassware	2,198	-
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	3,383	1,317
UNITED KINGDOM	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	2,681	-
	845	Articles Of Apparel	15,783	760
	894	Toys Games, Baby Carriages	7,101	997
	897	Jewellery	211,810	185
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	5,000	100



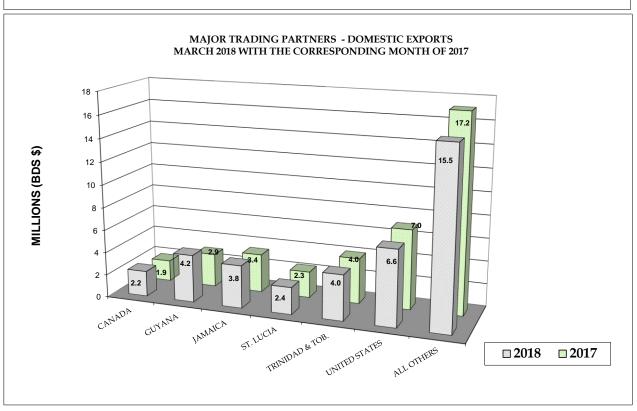
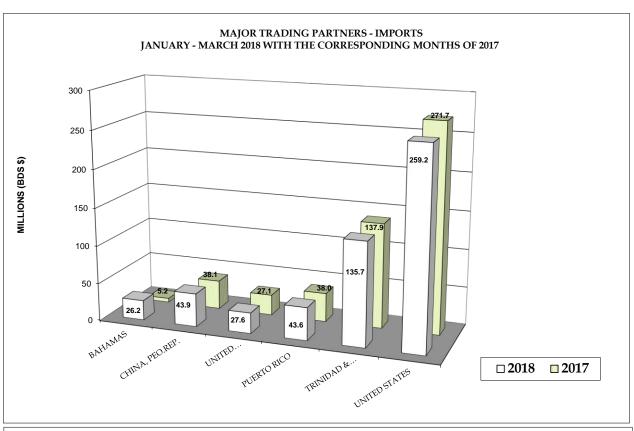
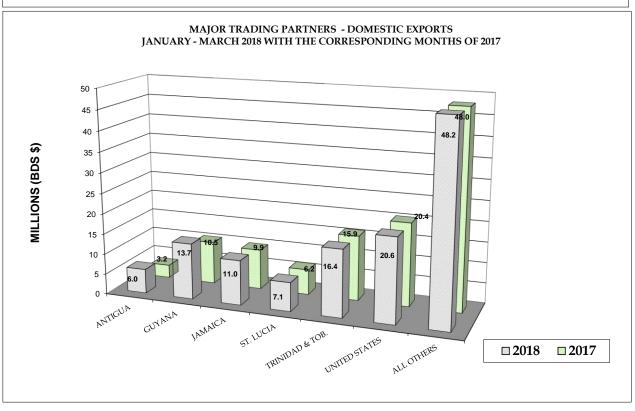


TABLE 4

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
JANUARY - MARCH 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

	IMPORTS	(c.i.f)	EXPORTS (f.o.b)						
COUNTRY			DOMES	STIC	RE-EXF	PORTS	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>	
UNITED KINGDOM	27,567,821	26,910,286	3,226,864	3,842,195	1,146,572	646,972	4,373,436	4,489,167	
CANADA	15,624,188	25,400,054	4,015,283	3,826,975	244,795	53,774	4,260,078	3,880,749	
UNITED STATES	259,220,949	271,636,431	20,565,988	20,361,564	38,887,580	50,315,941	59,453,568	70,677,505	
CARICOM *	158,429,361	166,196,979	73,103,688	62,417,533	9,751,497	18,238,602	82,855,185	80,656,135	
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	5,666,093	13,153,593	28,360,573	23,164,891	7,484,104	6,640,430	35,844,677	29,805,321	
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	26,222,825	5,207,084	4,652,195	5,233,665	1,237,166	1,736,678	5,889,361	6,970,343	
PUERTO RICO	43,627,907	37,952,542	135,528	296,357	27,733	39,739	163,261	336,096	
VENEZUELA	5,350	33,760	142,227	8,894	-	673	142,227	9,567	
JAPAN	24,265,241	25,620,764	34,623	12,900	-	11,950	34,623	24,850	
GERMANY	8,497,473	11,399,425	406,097	579,238	309	36,176	406,406	615,414	
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	203,110,873	221,117,252	16,564,246	17,438,634	3,601,943	13,533,601	20,166,189	30,972,235	
STORES/BUNKERS *	39,598	2,146	-	-	73,065,742	61,468,786	73,065,742	61,468,786	
TOTAL *	766,611,586	791,476,723	122,846,739	114,017,955	127,963,337	146,082,892	250,810,076	260,100,847	





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

TABLE 5

	S.I.T.C	IMPOR ⁻	ΓS(c.i.f)			EXPO	ORTS(f.o.b)		
	SECTION			DOM	ESTIC	RE-EXP	PORTS	TOTA	۱L
		<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	11,140,703	8,967,111	5,390,198	5,884,552	40,133	42,659	5,430,331	5,927,211
1	BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	3,455,506	2,329,813	854,112	1,414,060	359,621	2,102,607	1,213,733	3,516,667
2	CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	282,410	454,288	39,528	42,564	4,782	886	44,310	43,450
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	40,477,767	28,302,413	79,965	43,846	-	828	79,965	44,674
4	ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	6,404	10,412	299,934	427,592	-	-	299,934	427,592
5	CHEMICALS	1,741,108	2,599,985	6,562,115	4,807,009	2,028,654	2,216,111	8,590,769	7,023,120
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	2,202,392	2,644,501	5,898,388	4,196,958	226,400	125,829	6,124,788	4,322,787
7	MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	443,882	148,138	488,717	629,421	137,136	291,910	625,853	921,331
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1,711,020	1,472,053	3,914,720	3,494,110	464,024	359,373	4,378,744	3,853,483
9	MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	6,482	81,099	57,972	130,040	10,300	-	68,272	130,040
	TOTAL *	61,467,674	47,009,813	23,585,649	21,070,152	3,271,050	5,140,203	26,856,699	26,210,355

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

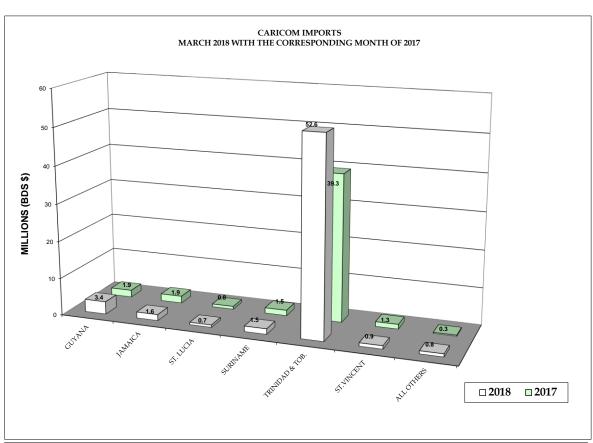
TABLE 6

	S.I.T.C	IMPORT	S(c.i.f)			EXPOR	TS(f.o.b)		(603 \$)
	SECTION			DOMES	TIC	RE-EXPO	RTS	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	27,263,701	24,180,479	14,566,791	14,321,397	162,483	132,845	14,729,274	14,454,242
1	BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	9,276,416	9,746,764	3,353,547	2,755,655	1,432,962	7,688,773	4,786,509	10,444,428
2	CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	875,168	1,104,647	161,403	245,693	4,873	1,513	166,276	247,206
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	105,646,163	113,700,278	7,837,256	6,407,770	359	6,647	7,837,615	6,414,417
4	ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	26,477	58,082	988,472	780,242	157	2,239	988,629	782,481
5	CHEMICALS	5,513,383	6,633,856	17,112,278	12,785,806	5,713,391	7,609,405	22,825,669	20,395,211
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	5,150,619	6,458,841	18,110,656	14,946,833	547,211	594,281	18,657,867	15,541,114
7	MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	794,934	406,077	1,354,145	1,718,302	565,138	1,217,988	1,919,283	2,936,290
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	3,862,029	3,754,971	9,289,246	8,048,323	1,311,423	984,911	10,600,669	9,033,234
9	MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	20,471	152,984	329,894	407,512	13,500	-	343,394	407,512
	TOTAL *	158,429,361	166,196,979	73,103,688	62,417,533	9,751,497	18,238,602	82,855,185	80,656,135

TABLE 7

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

	IMPORT	ΓS (c.i.f)			EXPORTS (f	.o.b)		
COUNTRY			DOMI	ESTIC	RE-EX	PORTS	TOT	AL
	<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	25,482	33,603	2,095,143	1,528,229	431,130	467,211	2,526,273	1,995,440
BELIZE	621,788	64,190	63,165	377,564	12,120	-	75,285	377,564
DOMINICA	358	6,056	1,452,930	354,205	134,586	317,905	1,587,516	672,110
GRENADA	150,455	185,958	1,888,643	1,488,276	367,686	200,018	2,256,329	1,688,294
GUYANA	3,391,500	1,910,055	4,175,019	2,946,909	7,496	174,053	4,182,515	3,120,962
HAITI	12,165	-	180,588	144,294	-	-	180,588	144,294
JAMAICA	1,642,697	1,924,427	3,757,390	3,388,645	208,674	2,491,360	3,966,064	5,880,005
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	-	50	901,091	1,411,842	374,479	357,999	1,275,570	1,769,841
ST. LUCIA	663,659	790,282	2,374,239	2,312,792	1,103,115	423,456	3,477,354	2,736,248
MONSTERRAT	-	-	116,765	23,346	-	13,549	116,765	36,895
SURINAME	1,490,263	1,486,948	1,133,156	903,689	-	-	1,133,156	903,689
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	52,566,462	39,323,858	3,996,602	4,008,886	237,161	239,726	4,233,763	4,248,612
ST. VINCENT	902,845	1,284,386	1,450,918	2,181,475	394,603	454,926	1,845,521	2,636,401
CARICOM TOTAL *	61,467,674	47,009,813	23,585,649	21,070,152	3,271,050	5,140,203	26,856,699	26,210,355
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	1,742,799	2,300,335	10,279,729	9,300,165	2,805,599	2,235,064	13,085,328	11,535,229



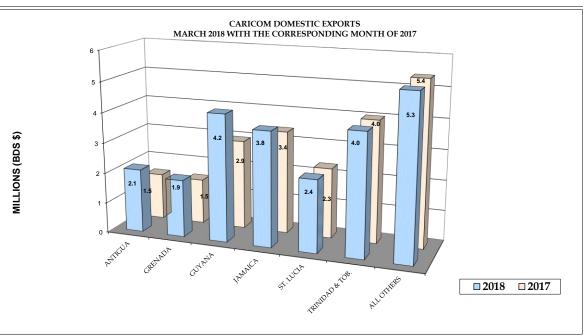
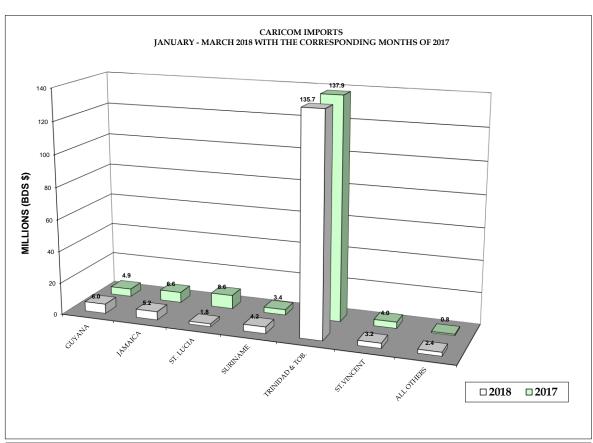
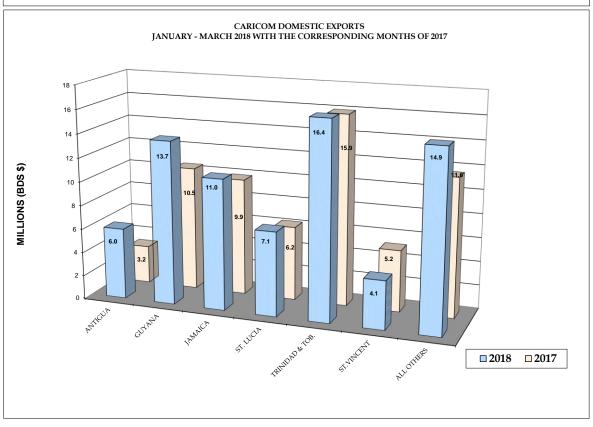


TABLE 8

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

	IMPORTS	6 (c.i.f)			EXPORTS (f.o	.b)		βΕΟΨή
COUNTRY			DOMES	STIC	RE-EXP	ORTS	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	216,739	119,954	5,972,976	3,191,465	1,820,400	1,478,129	7,793,376	4,669,594
BELIZE	1,655,617	174,087	366,569	739,873	39,996	15,756	406,565	755,629
DOMINICA	105,904	83,438	3,529,795	1,233,614	419,714	577,841	3,949,509	1,811,455
GRENADA	370,402	349,812	3,964,540	3,919,843	1,040,089	659,810	5,004,629	4,579,653
GUYANA	5,972,388	4,881,778	13,686,267	10,453,850	687,582	1,388,084	14,373,849	11,841,934
HAITI	18,237	40,064	451,304	258,314	50,459	73,692	501,763	332,006
JAMAICA	5,222,090	6,591,222	10,955,078	9,853,626	675,633	8,980,905	11,630,711	18,834,531
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	130	21,427	3,616,191	3,210,340	713,521	681,941	4,329,712	3,892,281
ST. LUCIA	1,788,505	8,573,597	7,064,778	6,228,786	2,294,569	1,274,805	9,359,347	7,503,591
MONSTERRAT	2,026	2,773	141,900	202,168	31,741	37,095	173,641	239,263
SURINAME	4,186,957	3,435,578	2,870,994	2,007,061	-	36,575	2,870,994	2,043,636
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	135,707,979	137,920,657	16,412,903	15,939,918	813,723	1,103,160	17,226,626	17,043,078
ST. VINCENT	3,182,387	4,002,592	4,070,393	5,178,675	1,164,070	1,930,809	5,234,463	7,109,484
CARICOM TOTAL *	158,429,361	166,196,979	73,103,688	62,417,533	9,751,497	18,238,602	82,855,185	80,656,135
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	5,666,093	13,153,593	28,360,573	23,164,891	7,484,104	6,640,430	35,844,677	29,805,321





PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM MARCH 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BD	S(\$)
			2018	2017
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	4,278,852	3,913,246
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	3,786,739	1,922,255
	098	Edible Products	7,507,857	7,970,483
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	4,300,814	5,174,701
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	4,224,036	3,115,395
IMPORTS	334	Petroleum Products Refined	63,495,774	40,340,094
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	8,600,230	7,524,638
	642	Articles Of Paper	4,375,927	4,873,304
	781	Motor Cars	6,842,782	9,135,896
	893	Articles Of Plastic	4,701,445	5,293,032
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,370,592	1,396,829
	091	Margarine And Shortening	1,793,959	2,149,448
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	6,600,859	8,688,832
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	1,756,888	1,125,705
DOMESTIC	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	3,129,600	2,894,337
EXPORTS	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	1,353,250	1,474,702
	661	Lime, Cement	2,949,761	1,311,509
	813	Light Fixtures, Fittings	1,323,963	346,253
	892	Printed Matter	2,233,885	1,930,498
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,344,942	2,918,105
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	402,774	527,268
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	647,574	2,313,421
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	23,680,512	19,206,291
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,050,600	2,626,482
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	4,532,848	4,071,893
RE-EXPORTS	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	666,446	1,303,000
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	386,436	792,636
	851	Footwear	423,272	1,239,103
	885	Watches And Clocks	517,519	1,426,511
	897	Jewellery	4,231,465	1,550,410

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

TABLE 9

(BDS \$)

				(RD2 2)	
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	-	0.0	-	0.0
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	1,793,959	4.6	2,149,448	5.6
RUM	112.441/449	5,791,781	15.0	7,671,391	19.8
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	1,756,888	4.5	1,125,705	2.9
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	3,131,812	8.1	2,898,415	7.5
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	8,995	0.0	13,891	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	1,353,250	3.5	1,474,702	3.8
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	274,868	0.7	347,039	0.9
CEMENT	661.222	2,942,520	7.6	1,276,478	3.3
METAL CONTAINERS	692	1,256,816	3.2	1,318,131	3.4
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	117,842	0.3	8,567	0.0
CLOTHING	841-848	32,119	0.1	22,995	0.1
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		18,460,850	47.7	18,306,762	47.3
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	1,295,055	3.3	1,698,687	4.4
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		18,931,146	48.9	18,669,532	48.3
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		38,687,051	100.0	38,674,981	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

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

TABLE 10

(BDS \$)

	1	(BD3 \$)			
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	JANUARY - MARCH			
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	-	0.0	92,510	0.1
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	4,780,228	3.9	4,694,864	4.1
RUM	112.441/449	20,175,565	16.4	20,194,043	17.7
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	4,981,176	4.1	3,068,871	2.7
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	9,528,608	7.8	9,323,915	8.2
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	26,418	0.0	44,939	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	4,187,420	3.4	3,602,598	3.2
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	983,455	0.8	1,018,595	0.9
CEMENT	661.222	10,676,299	8.7	6,769,039	5.9
METAL CONTAINERS	692	3,497,918	2.8	4,939,086	4.3
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	157,567	0.1	39,979	0.0
CLOTHING	841-848	64,883	0.1	48,625	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		59,059,537	48.1	53,837,064	47.2
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	3,413,308	2.8	4,745,988	4.2
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		60,375,094	49.1	55,434,903	48.6
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		122,847,939	100.0	114,017,955	100.0
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NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
	054	Vegetables Fresh/Chilled,Frozen,Dry	5,462,097	5,207,716
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	5,625,829	5,735,892
	098	Edible Products	11,437,611	11,255,748
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	7,355,132	3,268,937
UNITED STATES	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	7,495,733	7,051,173
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	4,776,585	5,311,710
	642	Articles Of Paper	5,960,996	7,381,067
	821	Furniture And Parts	4,998,160	5,977,842
	873	Meters And Counters	5,131,035	3,867,232
	893	Articles Of Plastic	7,664,071	6,889,208
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	3,706,480	3,333,751
	098	Edible Products	2,996,355	2,684,894
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3,987,911	3,886,215
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,014,977	537,037
TRINIDAD & TOB.	122	Tobacco Manufactured	1,481,745	1,708,398
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	100,289,448	105,164,408
	344	Petrol Gases	5,356,367	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	2,357,273	3,177,645
	642	Articles Of Paper	3,050,145	2,611,986
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,093,217	1,229,928
	098	Edible Products	1,334	-
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	26,148,739	5,025,350
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,139	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	439	-
BAHAMAS	759	Office Machine Parts	1,668	651
	771	Electric Power Machines	953	-
	831	Travel Goods, Handbags	11,502	-
	872	Medical Appliances	352	-
	892	Printed Matter	4,621	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,967	-
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	39,421,594	34,673,139
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	171,116	379,826
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	856,759	700,669
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	176,256	114,665
PUERTO RICO	598	Misc. Chemical Products	148,271	115,685
	642	Articles Of Paper	160,250	117,164
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	104,929	82,863
	752	Data Processing Machines	154,020	2,634
	884	Optical Cord	168,478	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,067,097	999,220
	625	Rubber Tyres, Cases	1,445,483	1,205,297
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	1,181,204	1,382,360
	752	Data Processing Machines	2,907,549	1,859,245
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	2,662,852	2,140,509
CHINA, PEO.REP.	772	Electric Switches Fuses	1,367,431	636,366
	775	Household Type Equipment	1,241,825	1,022,658
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	2,814,586	-
	793	Ships And Boats	2,000,591	975
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,561,649	1,296,847
	897	Jewellery	1,501,093	1,217,746

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BI	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017	
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	848,049	757,423	
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	9,870,979	10,356,183	
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	471,661	433,284	
	728	Other Machinery	582,700	120,010	
UNITED STATES	772	Electric Switches Fuses	2,307,549	3,702,071	
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	1,234,104	49,689	
	885	Watches And Clocks	250,586	18,470	
	897	Jewellery	733,010	49,287	
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,450,902	1,328,150	
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	460,786	492,285	
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	638,689	555,070	
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	492,783	585,460	
	059	Fruit Juices	246,771	209,687	
	091	Margarine And Shortening	216,493	295,142	
GUYANA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	322,299	188,380	
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	812,123	796,596	
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	348,270	191,934	
	661	Lime, Cement	8,492,498	5,263,195	
	892	Printed Matter	573,423	835,442	
	893	Articles Of Plastic	542,538	455,145	
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	629,221	701,437	
	091	Margarine And Shortening	2,463,161	2,282,297	
	098	Edible Products	213,381	190,793	
	333	Petroleum Crude	7,558,591	6,277,225	
TRINIDAD & TOB.	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	373,878	-	
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,510,118	2,151,203	
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	211,650	214,420	
	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	1,027,982	1,064,785	
	692	Metal Containers	876,868	1,346,596	
	892	Printed Matter	382,784	232,564	
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	335,354	167,708	
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	948,293	1,064,098	
	091	Margarine And Shortening	209,170	183,335	
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	197,520	251,997	
JAMAICA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	978,916	516,357	
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	552,886	208,831	
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,360,909	1,555,074	
	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	335,603	300,923	
	692	Metal Containers	2,397,864	3,423,141	
	892	Printed Matter	2,079,348	1,467,168	
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	532,148	704,587	
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	328,590	211,943	
	059	Fruit Juices	566,450	469,559	
	091	Margarine And Shortening	636,131	640,629	
ST. LUCIA	335	Residual Petroleum Products	273,000	118,482	
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	926,722	483,166	
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	618,757	266,370	
	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	323,217	211,956	
	661	Lime, Cement	274,185	460,224	
	691	Structures Etc Iron, Steel	260,162	122,753	

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	73,065,742	61,468,786
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	2,134,593	1,493,777
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	817,714	606,600
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	6,916,040	12,183,300
UNITED STATES	831	Travel Goods, Handbags	1,107,295	4,456,844
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	701,434	4,447,233
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	769,001	2,306,866
	845	Articles Of Apparel	489,085	2,888,562
	851	Footwear	1,304,738	3,954,403
	885	Watches And Clocks	4,860,475	2,890,168
	897	Jewellery	16,510,183	5,725,183
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	277,016	158,177
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	66,538	28,222
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	84,060	33,655
ST. LUCIA	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	930,854	495,830
	641	Paper And Paper Products	59,218	46,066
	665	Glassware	108,530	108,594
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	119,055	53,390
	872	Medical Appliances	50,306	46,071
	885	Watches And Clocks	109,543	-
	897	Jewellery	113,480	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	13,103	2,508
	831	Travel Goods, Handbags	14,220	1,161,705
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	603,876	682,661
PANAMA	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	179,025	721,245
	843	Male Clothing Knitted	65,097	325,992
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	78,543	44,709
	845	Articles Of Apparel	228,937	1,113,095
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	18,236	130,998
	851	Footwear	78,467	1,474,829
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	6,783	1,249
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	193,530	125,205
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	499,273	332,346
	288	Non-Ferrous Metal/Scrap	66,221	-
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	41,063	46,641
UNITED KINGDOM	772	Electric Switches Fuses	15,776	-
	781	Motor Cars	18,000	43,500
	845	Articles Of Apparel	15,783	20,880
	894	Toys Games, Baby Carriages	7,101	997
	897	Jewellery	233,890	185
	898	Musical Instruments	6,574	2,734

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

	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	10,781,644	10,476,368
	098	Edible Products	22,139,890	21,070,613
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	13,331,961	13,159,131
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	175,306,467	163,509,985
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	23,442,485	22,178,723
IMPORTS	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	12,103,912	11,801,473
	642	Articles Of Paper	11,481,225	12,941,179
	781	Motor Cars	21,517,053	30,312,943
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	13,308,659	11,820,016
	893	Articles Of Plastic	16,072,770	14,588,797
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	4,377,383	4,301,862
	091	Margarine And Shortening	4,780,228	4,694,864
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	22,130,918	22,573,612
	333	Petroleum Crude	7,558,591	6,277,225
DOMESTIC	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	4,981,176	3,068,871
EXPORTS	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	9,500,910	9,313,040
	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	4,187,420	3,602,598
	661	Lime, Cement	10,704,872	6,804,872
	892	Printed Matter	7,254,216	5,780,804
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	6,977,944	9,102,929
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	2,134,593	1,497,277
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	2,841,048	8,552,474
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	1,710,881	1,102,970
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	73,066,022	61,468,892
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	5,690,058	8,453,205
RE-EXPORTS	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	7,033,842	12,404,243
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,541,539	5,299,694
	851	Footwear	1,453,052	5,942,893
	885	Watches And Clocks	5,420,400	3,469,999
	897	Jewellery	17,462,034	6,157,689