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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE

During the month of May 2018, total imports to Barbados were valued at \$286 million, whilst total exports from Barbados were valued at \$73 million. This resulted in a visible trade deficit of \$213.7 million, as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$204.8 for May 2017.

Imports for May 2018 were \$17.4 million more than imports for May 2017, an increase of 6.5%. Total exports increased by \$8.5 million or 13.3% of the May 2017 figure. Domestic exports increased by \$3.8 million or 9.1% over May 2017, while the value of re-exports increased by \$4.7 million or 21.3% over the corresponding period 2017.

For the period January – May 2018, the value of imports to Barbados was \$1.3 billion, whilst the value of total exports was \$400 million representing an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$911.3 million as compared to a similar deficit of \$910.6 million for January – May 2017.

Imports for January – May 2018 were \$9.8 million more than imports for the same period 2017, an increase of 0.8%. Total exports showed an increase of some \$9.2 million or 2.3% over the January - May 2017 figure. Domestic exports increased by \$10.2 million or 5.1% over January – May 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by \$1.1 million or 0.6% over the corresponding period 2017.

CARICOM TRADE

During the month of May 2018, total imports from CARICOM countries were valued at \$63 million, whilst total exports to CARICOM were valued at \$31 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$32.4 million as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$27.3 million for May 2017.

Total CARICOM imports for May 2018 were \$12.6 million more than CARICOM imports for May 2017, an increase of 24.8%. Total exports to CARICOM for May 2018 were \$7.5 million more than total exports for May 2017, an increase of 31.8%. Domestic exports increased by \$8.3 million or 42.5% over May 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by some \$0.8 million, or 19.7%, over the May 2017 figure.

For the period January – May 2018, total imports from CARICOM were valued at \$274 million, whilst total exports were \$141 million resulting in an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$133.2 million as compared with a deficit of \$139.7 million for the same period of 2017.

During this period, CARICOM imports were approximately \$7.1 million more than those over the same period in 2017, an increase of 2.7%. Total exports to CARICOM for January – May 2018 were \$13.6 million more than total exports for the corresponding period 2017, an increase of 10.6%. Domestic exports increased by approximately \$21.7 million or 21.3% over the same period 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by \$8.1million or 31.6% over the January – May 2017 figure.

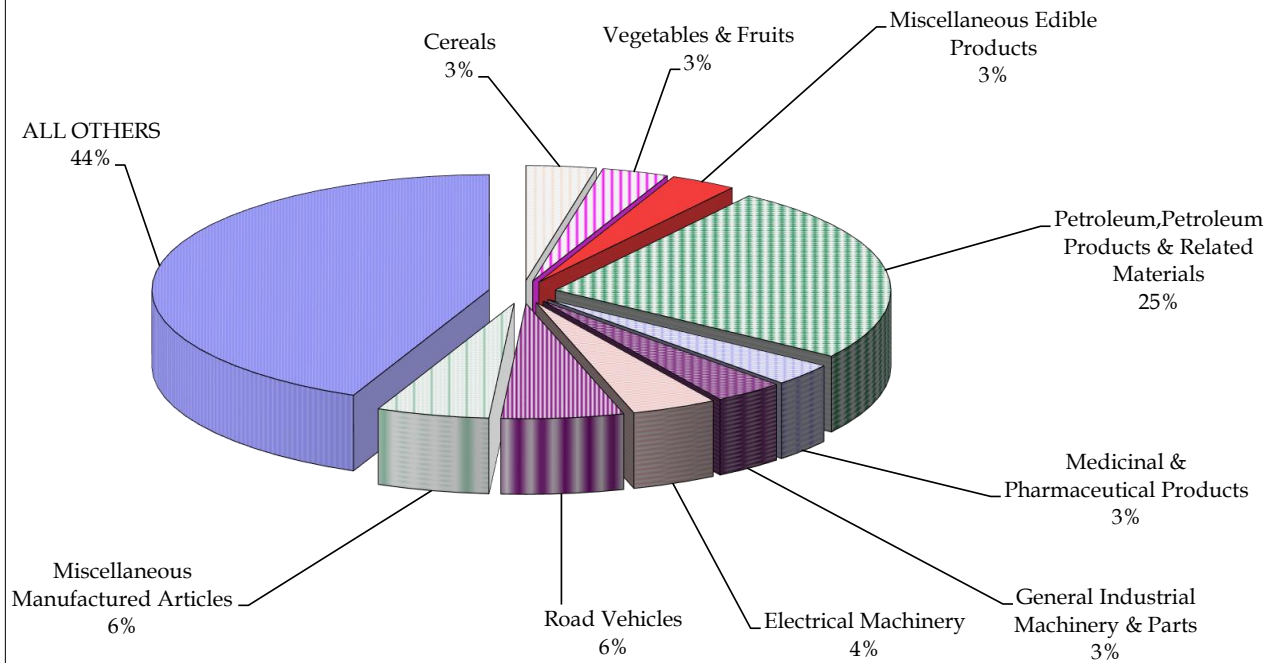
**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
MAY 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017**

TABLE 1

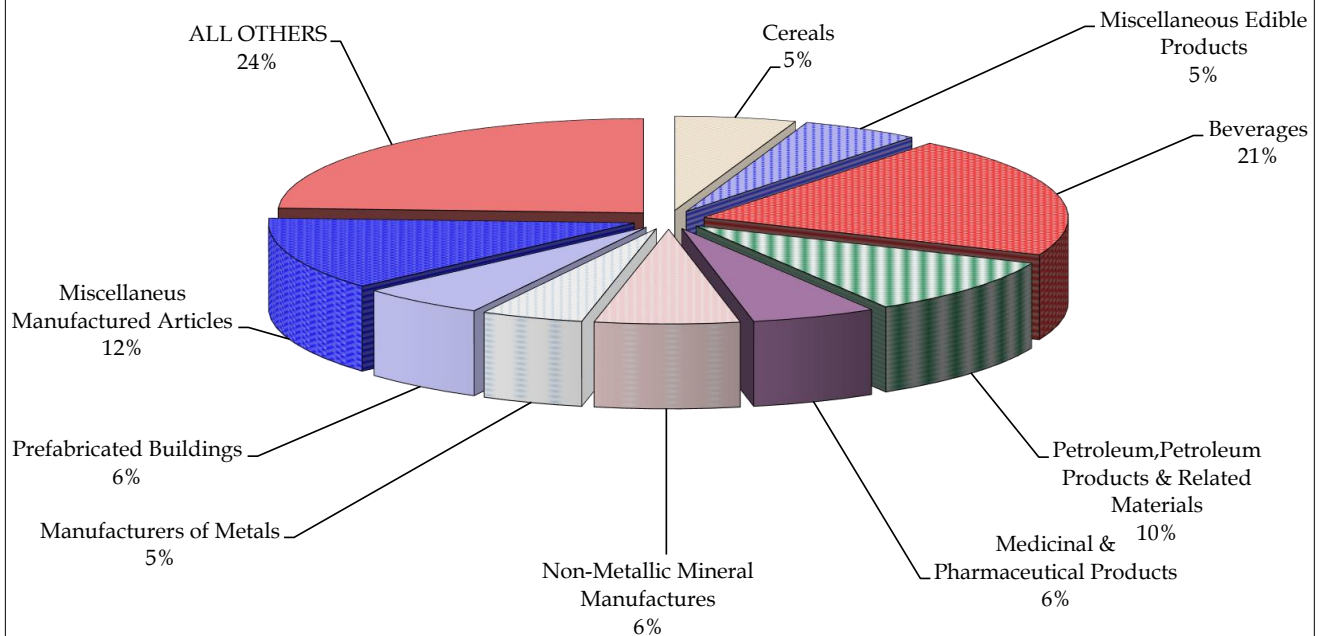
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	50,356,784	53,179,585	7,205,179	6,141,189	152,419	64,600	7,357,598	6,205,789
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	8,539,351	8,838,106	9,641,594	9,325,015	1,461,565	464,017	11,103,159	9,789,032
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	7,815,122	2,983,374	346,006	348,251	25,035	21	371,041	348,272
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	75,678,906	39,663,268	4,561,087	39,720	12,857,417	10,010,366	17,418,504	10,050,086
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	1,889,757	3,108,230	334,049	120,906	-	1,025	334,049	121,931
5 CHEMICALS	26,681,168	32,743,318	5,712,072	6,713,606	3,422,081	4,355,798	9,134,153	11,069,404
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	28,518,438	32,590,559	5,915,318	6,338,715	404,845	1,381,010	6,320,163	7,719,725
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	54,191,963	62,148,218	2,766,680	2,968,476	601,711	650,256	3,368,391	3,618,732
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	32,057,026	32,913,016	9,204,858	9,777,836	7,845,573	5,148,949	17,050,431	14,926,785
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	907,485	1,069,552	504,973	573,737	7,272	8,800	512,245	582,537
TOTAL*	286,636,000	269,237,226	46,191,816	42,347,451	26,777,918	22,084,842	72,969,734	64,432,293

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Principal Imports - May 2018



Principal Domestic Exports - May 2018



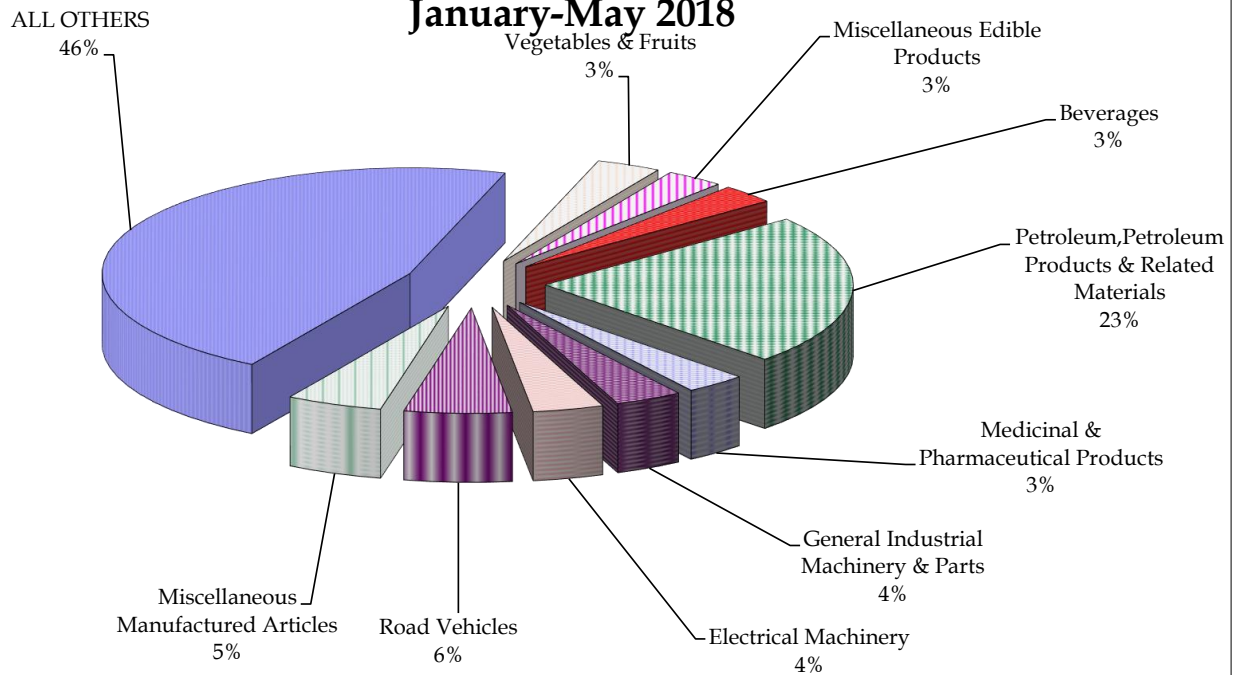
VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - MAY 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

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	244,394,464	234,785,219	29,154,986	28,135,637	3,063,730	2,119,853	32,218,716	30,255,490
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	42,869,129	41,840,166	40,474,186	40,321,969	11,825,346	11,528,230	52,299,532	51,850,199
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	25,831,122	23,933,208	2,105,723	2,847,419	101,912	350,047	2,207,635	3,197,466
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS*	314,926,114	266,793,924	12,636,518	9,615,970	101,700,638	86,351,786	114,337,156	95,967,756
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	9,378,829	7,986,171	1,558,626	1,119,937	1,425	39,750	1,560,051	1,159,687
5 CHEMICALS	135,485,226	139,169,436	31,994,585	27,516,191	23,684,973	28,711,927	55,679,558	56,228,118
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	132,769,434	146,325,877	36,705,834	31,443,340	2,641,584	7,335,657	39,347,418	38,778,997
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	247,666,094	277,630,538	12,400,882	15,326,508	1,884,078	3,735,113	14,284,960	19,061,621
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	154,885,818	159,749,004	39,741,551	40,050,737	46,699,077	52,532,110	86,440,628	92,582,847
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	3,988,915	4,151,134	2,479,508	2,655,587	58,922	25,506	2,538,430	2,681,093
TOTAL*	1,312,195,145	1,302,364,677	209,252,399	199,033,295	191,661,685	192,729,979	400,914,084	391,763,274

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Principal Imports January-May 2018



Principal Domestic Exports January- May 2018

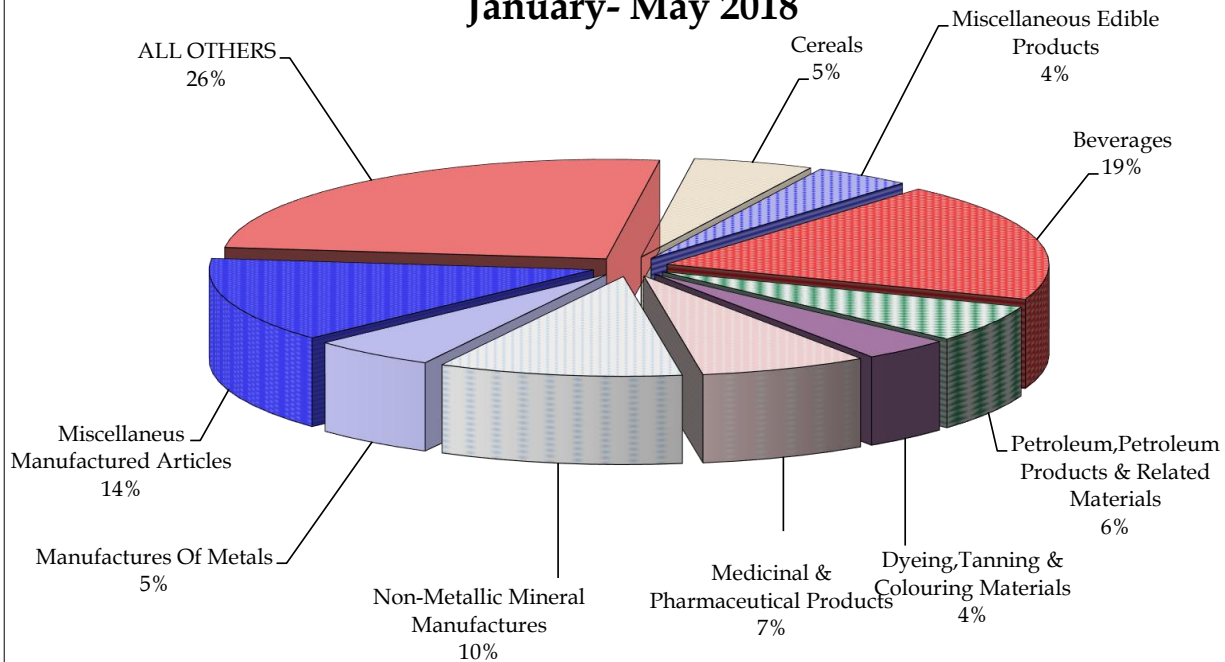


TABLE 3

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
MAY 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	11,066,352	13,175,021	1,025,010	1,972,998	216,944	183,701	1,241,954	2,156,699
CANADA	6,206,869	6,376,770	1,977,069	1,428,007	9,253	51,529	1,986,322	1,479,536
UNITED STATES	96,297,490	90,731,958	7,791,143	9,602,713	7,810,756	3,762,583	15,601,899	13,365,296
CARICOM *	63,536,645	50,910,327	27,885,579	19,563,739	3,286,322	4,090,173	31,171,901	23,653,912
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,057,755	2,442,649	12,848,815	7,946,021	2,509,671	2,284,086	15,358,486	10,230,107
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	10,372,136	5,227,394	907,937	1,769,326	300,041	805,293	1,207,978	2,574,619
PUERTO RICO	18,612,913	6,564,793	106,616	120,711	5,908	-	112,524	120,711
VENEZUELA	5,721	-	20,791	165,682	-	-	20,791	165,682
JAPAN	7,131,492	9,180,771	100	81,140	-	-	100	81,140
GERMANY	3,330,124	4,818,771	303,785	40,886	-	5,579	303,785	46,465
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	70,069,839	82,251,421	6,173,786	7,602,249	2,291,277	3,176,013	8,465,063	10,778,262
STORES/BUNKERS *	6,123	-	-	-	12,857,417	10,009,971	12,857,417	10,009,971
TOTAL *	286,635,704	269,237,226	46,191,816	42,347,451	26,777,918	22,084,842	72,969,734	64,432,293

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	044	Maize Unmilled	2,562,521	14,533
	054	Vegetables Fresh/Chilled,Frozen,Dry	1,884,763	2,157,924
	098	Edible Products	3,932,363	5,395,265
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	4,082,738	105,047
	335	Residual Petroleum Products	2,139,908	13,521
	642	Articles Of Paper	2,387,196	2,494,294
	723	Contractors Plant Equipment	2,007,695	671,482
	776	Valves Tubes Diodes	2,198,503	254,019
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,714,082	2,822,855
	897	Jewellery	2,678,456	738,670
TRINIDAD & TOB.	022	Milk And Cream	540,303	588,238
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,527,848	1,095,037
	098	Edible Products	1,426,666	1,253,035
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,686,939	1,959,982
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	815,463	1,097,586
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	39,782,835	25,538,869
	344	Petrol Gases	2,952,672	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	595,640	608,133
	642	Articles Of Paper	986,070	926,405
	892	Printed Matter	466,240	166,346
PUERTO RICO	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	18,940	-
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	17,757,709	5,024,370
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	52,195	90,542
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	255,776	510,197
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	40,475	58,482
	642	Articles Of Paper	185,170	-
	775	Household Type Equipment	21,468	24,700
	873	Meters And Counters	17,364	-
	892	Printed Matter	13,419	2,789
	893	Articles Of Plastic	77,228	610,641
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	549,076	428,169
	684	Aluminium	720,164	74,498
	752	Data Processing Machines	722,485	1,100,615
	761	Television Receivers	522,305	503,796
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	422,340	1,206,775
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	434,096	73,620
	775	Household Type Equipment	480,504	339,006
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	367,373	232,974
	893	Articles Of Plastic	879,690	512,018
	897	Jewellery	472,372	704,420
UNITED KINGDOM	012	Other Meat Fresh, Chilled	448,801	11,830
	024	Cheese And Curd	615,402	512,823
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	476,890	306,295
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	957,286	128,719
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	583,664	640,093
	742	Pumps For Liquids	278,650	117,806
	781	Motor Cars	521,247	386,078
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	306,892	424,467
	892	Printed Matter	1,042,296	1,140,780
	961	Coins	297,286	-

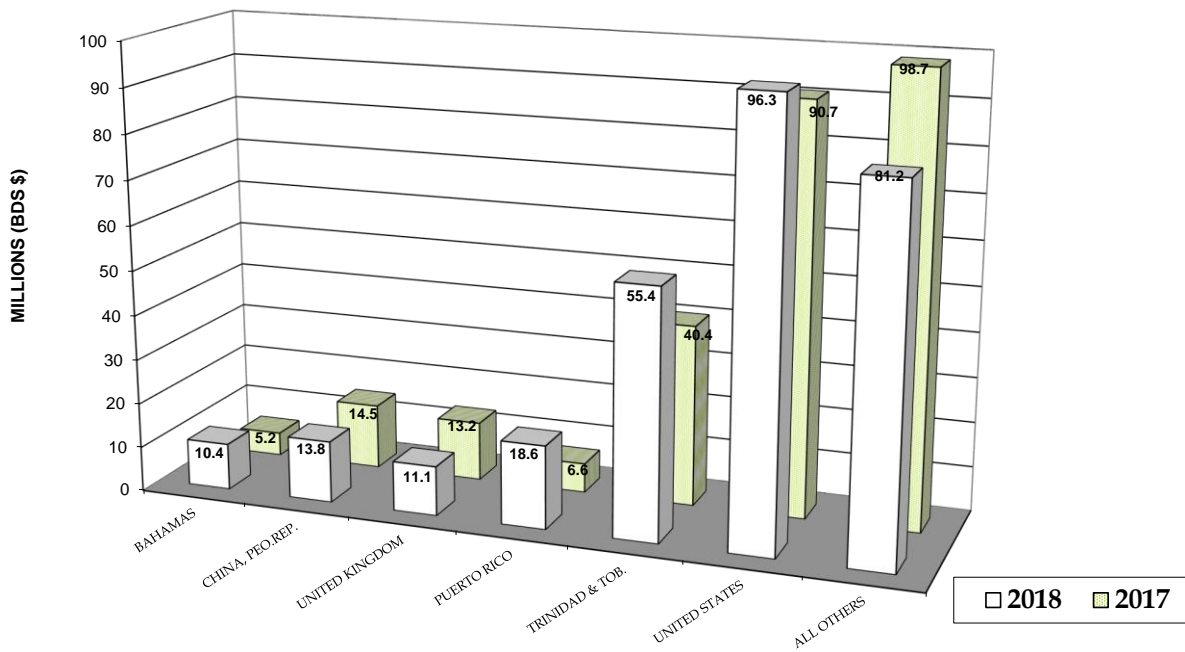
MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
MAY 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	183,201	399,259
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	3,551,422	4,940,410
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	247,766	271,876
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	1,287,062	753,337
	781	Motor Cars	164,000	-
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	432,068	417,914
	885	Watches And Clocks	285,555	60
	897	Jewellery	238,477	928,888
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	361,000	868,120
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	192,061	177,278
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	182,635	294,728
	091	Margarine And Shortening	828,855	1,097,037
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	196,633	490,300
	333	Petroleum Crude	4,519,813	-
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	99,005	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	389,989	776,119
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	160,279	706,785
	692	Metal Containers	259,575	526,845
	752	Data Processing Machines	80,665	-
	892	Printed Matter	109,956	31,456
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	244,420	228,480
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	266,818	344,831
	091	Margarine And Shortening	407,602	107,352
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	318,481	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	89,483	420,522
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	80,944	770
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	82,908	71,849
	661	Lime, Cement	1,669,304	1,314,454
	892	Printed Matter	388,629	211,924
	893	Articles Of Plastic	261,761	216,888
ANTIGUA	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	84,511	69,080
	059	Fruit Juices	265,643	229,654
	062	Sugar Confectionary	50,192	32,138
	091	Margarine And Shortening	110,144	62,259
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	31,456	23,617
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	723,329	54,884
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	664,973	328,950
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	21,999	10,216
	813	Light Fixtures,Fittings	1,523,250	1,350
	892	Printed Matter	64,454	74,185
JAMAICA	017	Meat Prepared	159,520	-
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	111,795	55,800
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	548,857	226,420
	091	Margarine And Shortening	97,316	-
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	97,872	132,519
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	41,808	54,410
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	496,232	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	4,272	18,924
	692	Metal Containers	556,357	621,337
	892	Printed Matter	616,838	922,482

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	12,857,417	10,009,971
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	82,705	-
UNITED STATES	112	Alcoholic Beverages	419,995	162,063
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	690,421	165,843
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	158,019	61,072
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	94,008	69,183
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	112,519	66,103
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	99,898	261,985
	845	Articles Of Apparel	105,038	86,125
	885	Watches And Clocks	1,650,629	727,159
	897	Jewellery	3,918,018	528,159
		553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	14,364
PANAMA	642	Articles Of Paper	6,833	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	5,116	23
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	421,680	2,361
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	59,788	57,990
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	2,981	91,425
	851	Footwear	178,553	173,843
	884	Optical Cord	35,446	-
	885	Watches And Clocks	63,295	-
	897	Jewellery	56,032	42
		112	Alcoholic Beverages	450,789
JAMAICA	512	Alcohols, Phenols	1,252	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	131,350	524,741
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	73,589	-
		112	Alcoholic Beverages	18,939
ANTIGUA	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	70,375	6,306
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	336,363	142,699
	635	Wood Manufactures	17,362	60
	642	Articles Of Paper	9,902	-
	751	Office Machines	42,890	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	74,289	-
	872	Medical Appliances	18,569	641
	893	Articles Of Plastic	14,007	20,766
	897	Jewellery	18,624	-

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



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

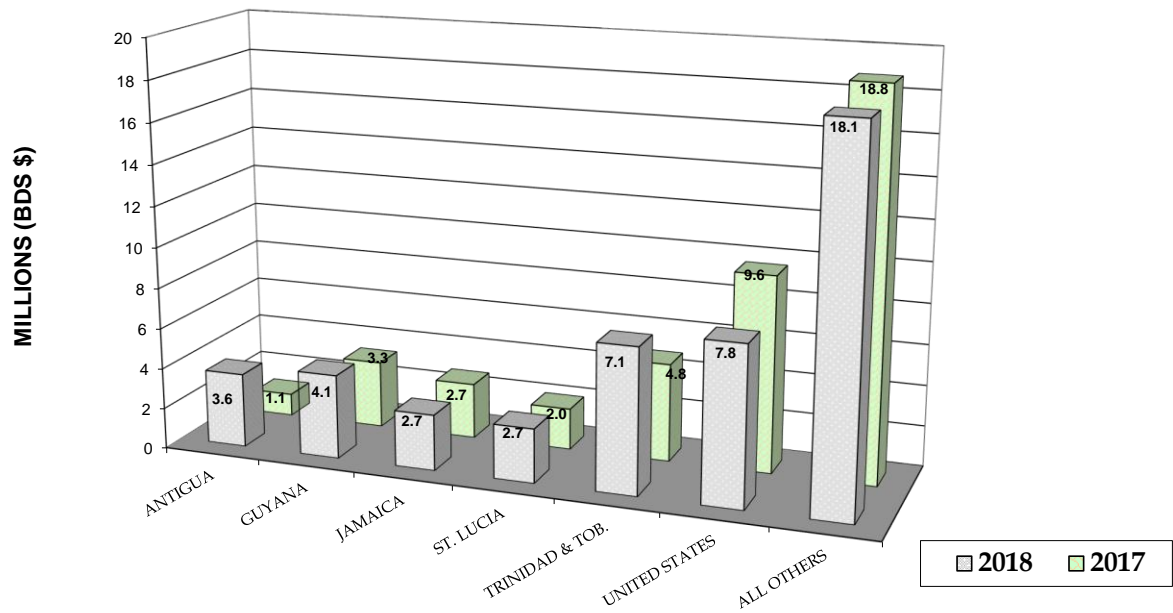


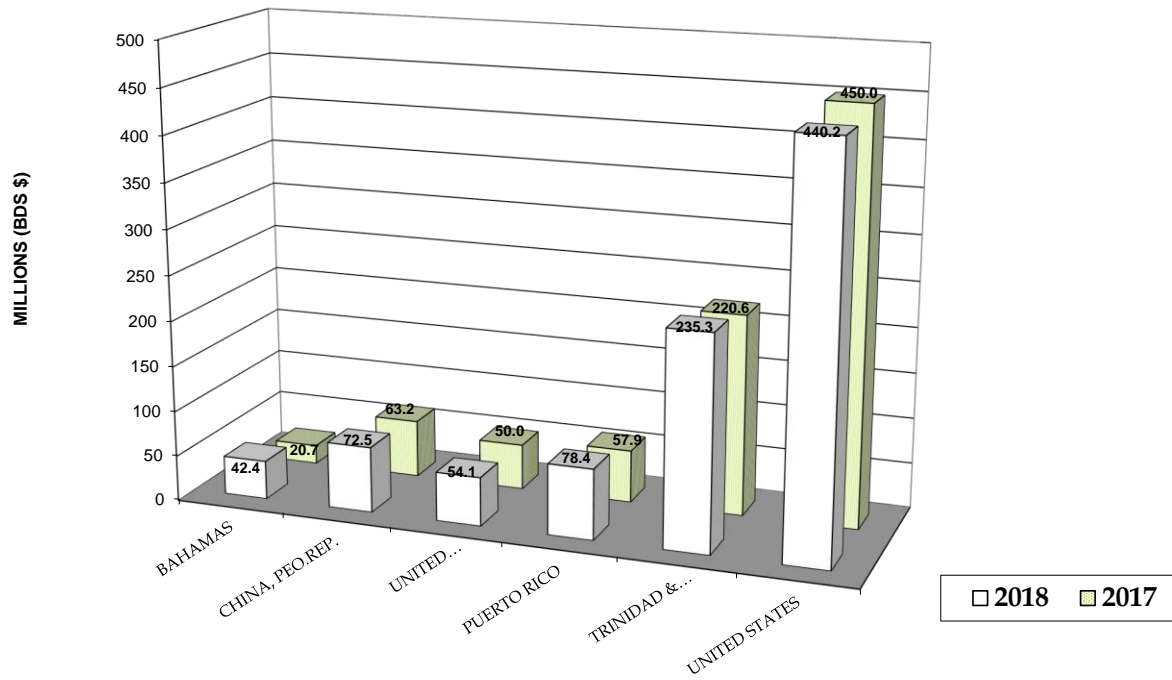
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VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
JANUARY - MAY 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

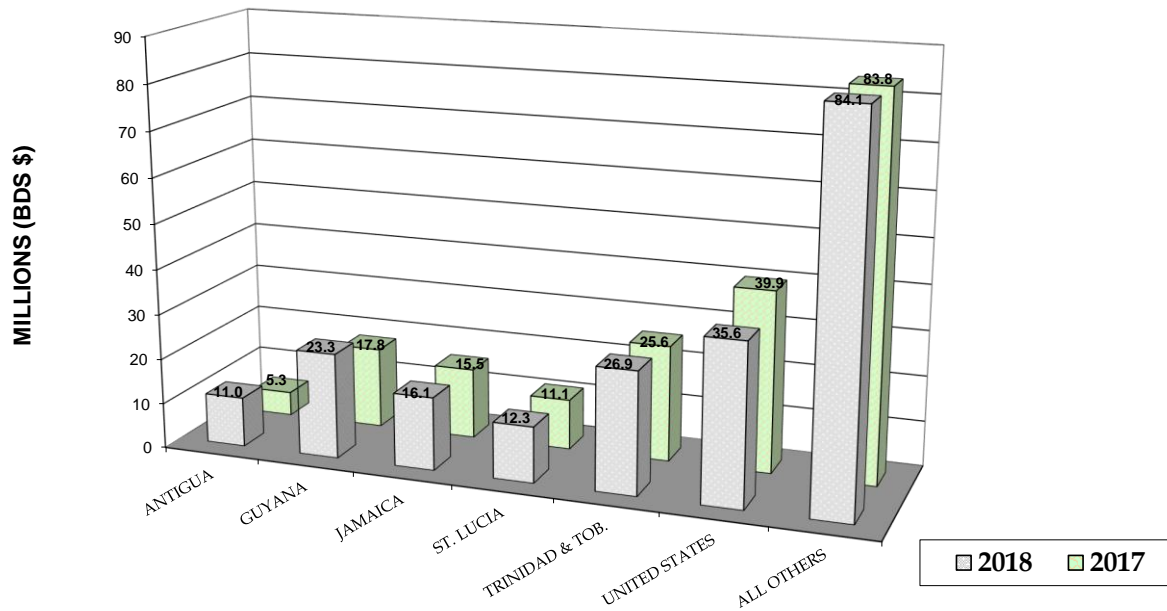
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			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
UNITED KINGDOM	54,092,250	49,855,805	5,575,269	6,940,785	1,577,833	1,141,579	7,153,102	8,082,364
CANADA	27,219,736	36,456,713	8,531,698	6,566,912	269,750	130,325	8,801,448	6,697,237
UNITED STATES	440,241,704	449,979,629	35,556,376	39,902,538	60,483,745	58,327,035	96,040,121	98,229,573
CARICOM *	274,325,196	267,235,631	123,508,152	101,796,339	17,616,336	25,749,957	141,124,488	127,546,296
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	9,654,344	17,307,979	50,847,025	38,779,341	13,567,788	11,549,310	64,414,813	50,328,651
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	42,490,707	20,799,893	6,736,961	8,197,443	2,223,500	2,751,157	8,960,461	10,948,600
PUERTO RICO	78,357,990	57,871,229	377,288	471,566	33,641	39,739	410,929	511,305
VENEZUELA	15,514	33,957	185,344	350,101	-	673	185,344	350,774
JAPAN	38,434,642	41,454,306	34,723	99,060	-	11,950	34,723	111,010
GERMANY	14,684,931	18,437,061	838,681	685,375	3,673	70,442	842,354	755,817
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	342,286,458	360,238,135	27,906,707	34,023,176	7,761,625	18,162,744	35,668,332	52,185,920
STORES/BUNKERS *	45,721	2,318	-	-	101,691,582	86,344,378	101,691,582	86,344,378
TOTAL *	1,312,194,849	1,302,364,677	209,251,199	199,033,295	191,661,685	192,729,979	400,912,884	391,763,274

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



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



**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
MAY 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	9,524,317	11,799,763	6,555,390	4,952,192	47,610	43,489	6,603,000	4,995,681
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	4,132,999	4,510,240	1,552,268	744,448	509,008	38,185	2,061,276	782,633
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	641,488	476,548	60,980	50,006	-	-	60,980	50,006
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	43,131,659	27,166,367	4,561,087	39,474	-	274	4,561,087	39,748
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	43,275	40,450	332,061	119,706	-	84	332,061	119,790
5 CHEMICALS	2,071,484	1,858,625	4,987,107	5,049,454	1,804,312	3,085,361	6,791,419	8,134,815
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	1,791,011	3,009,268	4,783,877	4,857,527	238,084	375,652	5,021,961	5,233,179
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	685,657	296,375	395,237	519,000	233,522	269,536	628,759	788,536
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1,502,817	1,712,643	4,491,002	3,077,447	453,086	277,592	4,944,088	3,355,039
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	11,938	40,048	166,570	154,485	700	-	167,270	154,485
TOTAL *	63,536,645	50,910,327	27,885,579	19,563,739	3,286,322	4,090,173	31,171,901	23,653,912

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

TABLE 6

(BDS \$)

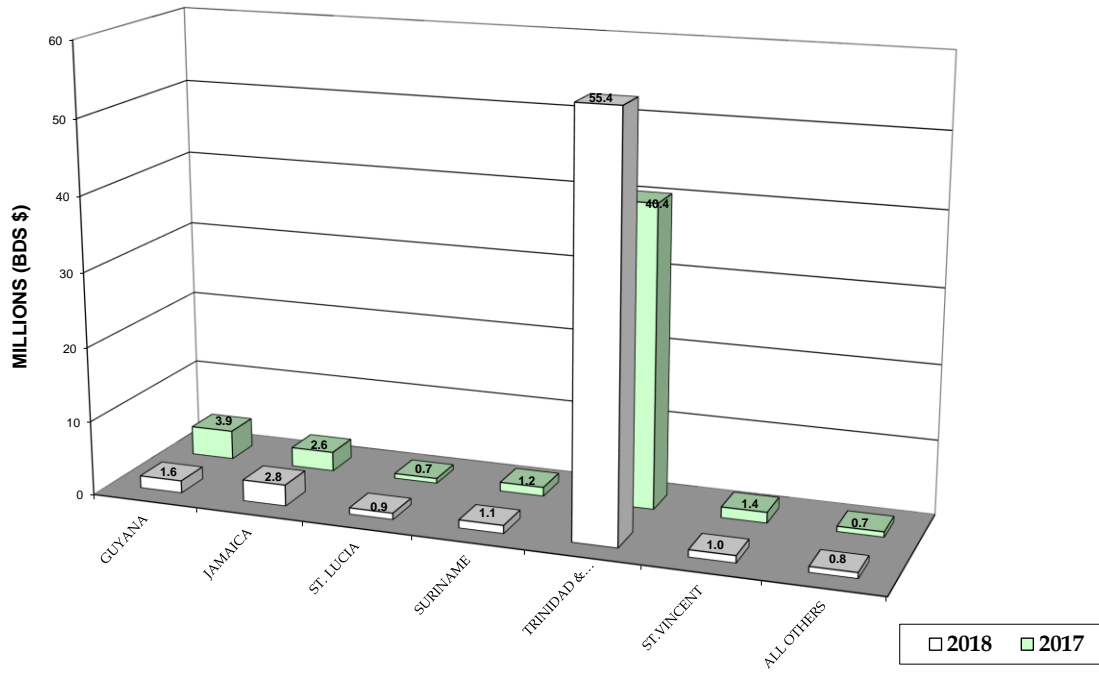
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	45,842,990	45,125,952	25,569,319	23,803,384	231,493	245,237	25,800,812	24,048,621
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	17,665,888	16,982,560	6,245,057	4,637,921	2,925,798	8,195,840	9,170,855	12,833,761
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	1,747,876	2,046,594	247,168	322,682	8,796	2,340	255,964	325,022
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	181,316,413	172,755,332	12,477,581	9,615,281	8,996	6,961	12,486,577	9,622,242
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	117,181	105,678	1,547,110	1,115,137	157	2,323	1,547,267	1,117,460
5 CHEMICALS	10,062,787	10,426,784	26,701,806	20,716,316	9,796,374	12,759,138	36,498,180	33,475,454
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	9,086,853	11,740,915	30,298,741	25,272,220	1,086,253	1,406,396	31,384,994	26,678,616
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1,639,914	904,311	2,104,229	2,555,070	957,041	1,614,255	3,061,270	4,169,325
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	6,802,770	6,874,122	17,734,945	13,107,276	2,586,828	1,517,367	20,321,773	14,624,643
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	42,524	273,383	582,196	651,052	14,600	100	596,796	651,152
TOTAL *	274,325,196	267,235,631	123,508,152	101,796,339	17,616,336	25,749,957	141,124,488	127,546,296

TABLE 7

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
MAY 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	23,302	47,849	3,637,697	1,095,224	636,814	375,201	4,274,511	1,470,425
BELIZE	539,296	374,876	148,957	585,873	-	39,996	148,957	625,869
DOMINICA	-	23,318	1,388,214	822,177	529,016	131,157	1,917,230	953,334
GRENADA	207,658	269,313	1,990,285	1,333,450	293,689	632,649	2,283,974	1,966,099
GUYANA	1,649,207	3,920,885	4,128,554	3,300,381	6,100	60,319	4,134,654	3,360,700
HAITI	-	28	2,037	52,214	44,507	-	46,544	52,214
JAMAICA	2,849,069	2,598,419	2,739,941	2,721,678	656,980	641,500	3,396,921	3,363,178
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	212	300	1,912,759	1,486,152	176,654	98,241	2,089,413	1,584,393
ST. LUCIA	857,090	661,748	2,658,539	2,031,864	616,791	670,817	3,275,330	2,702,681
MONSTERRAT	-	-	21,704	84,074	34,421	22,399	56,125	106,473
SURINAME	1,088,921	1,198,377	890,119	146,351	7,000	-	897,119	146,351
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	55,352,397	40,375,093	7,127,156	4,811,221	62,064	1,064,272	7,189,220	5,875,493
ST. VINCENT	969,493	1,440,121	1,239,617	1,093,080	222,286	353,622	1,461,903	1,446,702
CARICOM TOTAL *	63,536,645	50,910,327	27,885,579	19,563,739	3,286,322	4,090,173	31,171,901	23,653,912
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,057,755	2,442,649	12,848,815	7,946,021	2,509,671	2,284,086	15,358,486	10,230,107

CARICOM IMPORTS
MAY 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
MAY 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

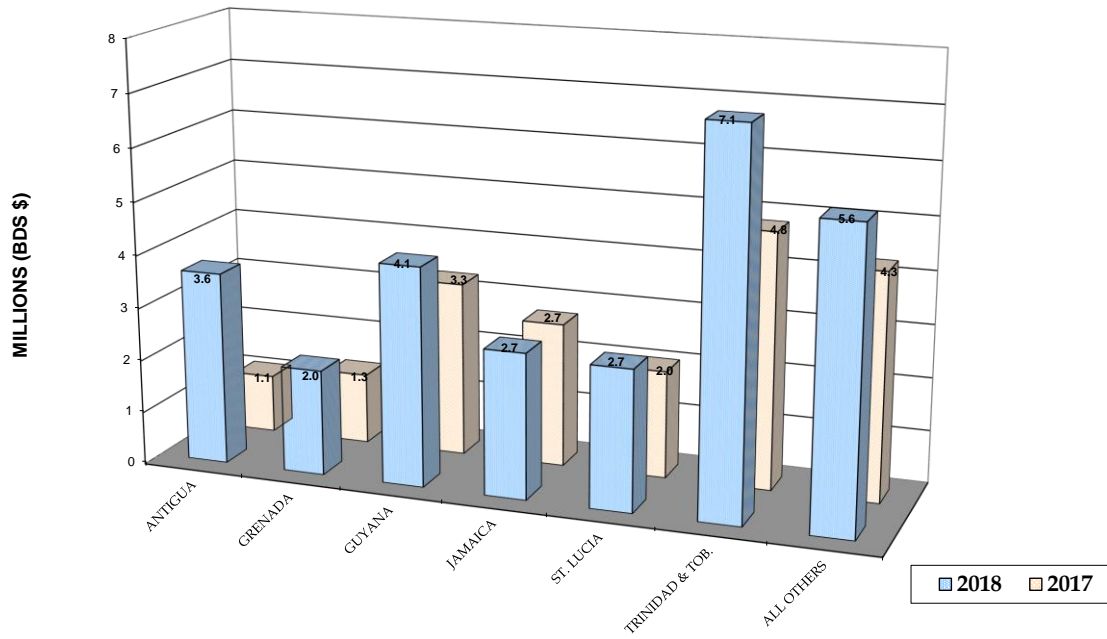


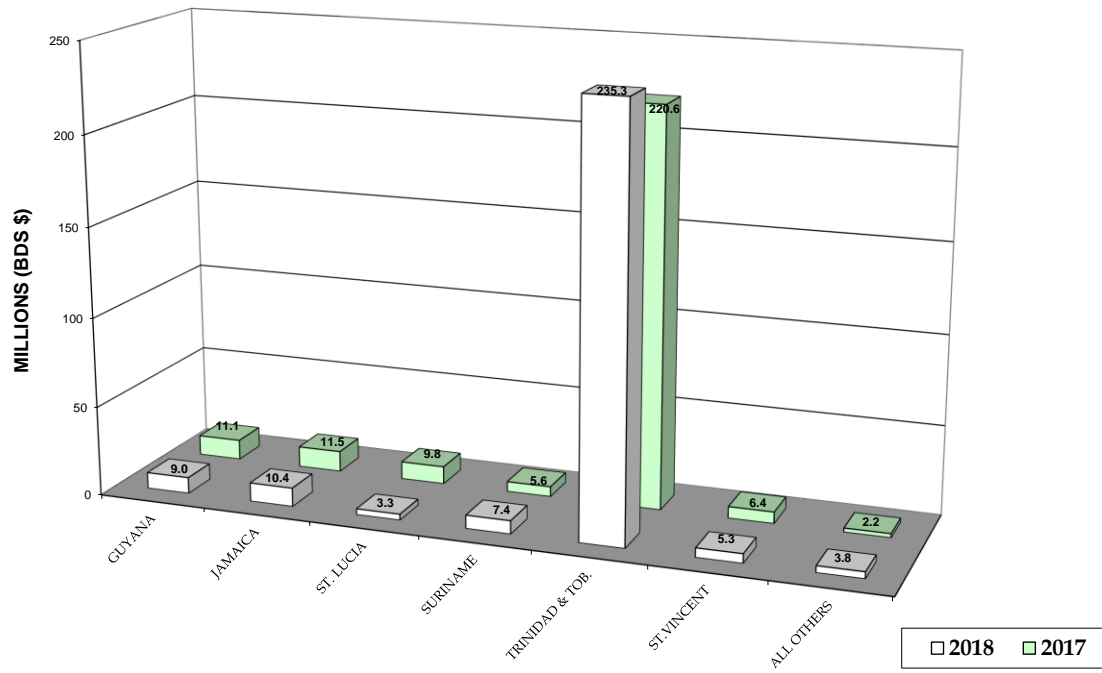
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VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
JANUARY - MAY 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

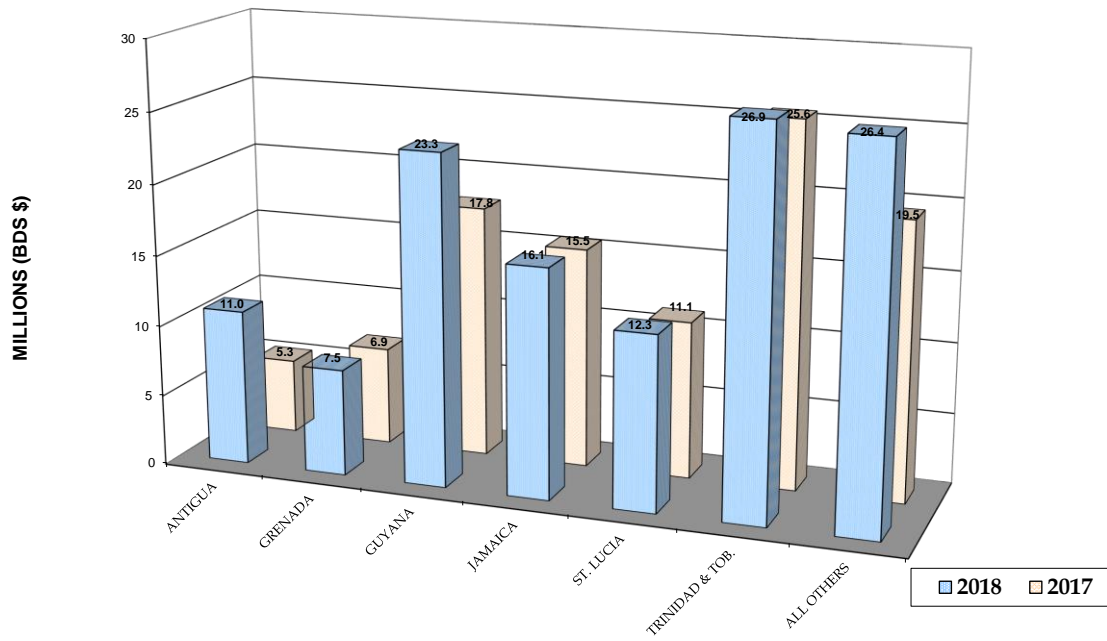
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COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>
ANTIGUA	279,880	193,030	10,961,694	5,290,041	2,984,236	2,302,429	13,945,930	7,592,470
BELIZE	2,540,621	1,119,569	686,901	1,392,140	41,531	55,752	728,432	1,447,892
DOMINICA	105,904	115,900	6,424,825	2,619,691	989,930	909,913	7,414,755	3,529,604
GRENADA	719,214	748,325	7,527,180	6,930,657	2,144,010	1,688,119	9,671,190	8,618,776
GUYANA	8,973,349	11,133,490	23,256,631	17,822,330	755,660	1,746,233	24,012,291	19,568,563
HAITI	93,889	40,620	512,728	310,569	94,966	73,692	607,694	384,261
JAMAICA	10,392,293	11,483,692	16,122,054	15,546,650	2,055,922	9,901,989	18,177,976	25,448,639
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	14,271	21,727	7,157,429	5,248,272	1,205,616	1,233,894	8,363,045	6,482,166
ST. LUCIA	3,273,581	9,795,169	12,342,851	11,116,197	4,213,921	2,866,963	16,556,772	13,983,160
MONSTERRAT	4,051	2,840	199,472	330,626	67,052	60,607	266,524	391,233
SURINAME	7,400,576	5,581,865	5,143,195	2,340,989	7,000	36,575	5,150,195	2,377,564
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	235,270,124	220,568,416	26,939,618	25,604,320	1,093,469	2,386,406	28,033,087	27,990,726
ST. VINCENT	5,257,443	6,430,988	6,233,574	7,243,857	1,963,023	2,487,385	8,196,597	9,731,242
CARICOM TOTAL *	274,325,196	267,235,631	123,508,152	101,796,339	17,616,336	25,749,957	141,124,488	127,546,296
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	9,654,344	17,307,979	50,847,025	38,779,341	13,567,788	11,549,310	64,414,813	50,328,651

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



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



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

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2018	2017
IMPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	4,132,976	3,882,526
	098 Edible Products	9,040,404	9,553,685
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	3,867,043	3,871,139
	222 Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	4,088,597	183,240
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	69,511,555	37,296,698
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	8,216,893	11,741,514
	642 Articles Of Paper	4,555,903	4,778,695
	781 Motor Cars	8,973,056	8,568,987
	893 Articles Of Plastic	6,055,462	6,327,057
	897 Jewellery	4,401,261	2,011,409
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,795,101	1,783,731
	091 Margarine And Shortening	2,238,181	1,487,716
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	9,419,291	9,092,746
	333 Petroleum Crude	4,519,813	-
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,540,128	3,365,611
	661 Lime, Cement	2,500,461	2,482,737
	772 Electric Switches Fuses	1,666,967	1,149,842
	813 Light Fixtures,Fittings	1,786,644	252,229
	892 Printed Matter	2,462,888	2,496,474
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,208,543	4,681,637
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	990,563	252,120
	122 Tobacco Manufactured	471,002	151,810
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	12,857,417	10,010,246
	541 Medicinal Pharmacy Products	274,348	134,417
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,710,183	3,862,299
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	736,997	218,400
	554 Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	642,120	40,881
	831 Travel Goods,Handbags	515,736	216,262
	885 Watches And Clocks	1,912,086	958,913
	897 Jewellery	4,103,008	1,366,989

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

TABLE 9

(BDS \$)					
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	-	0.0	200,384	0.5
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	2,238,181	4.8	1,487,716	3.5
RUM	112.441/449	8,446,188	18.3	7,773,392	18.4
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	1,623,846	3.5	1,125,609	2.7
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	2,548,079	5.5	3,366,671	8.0
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	26,185	0.1	16,838	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	740,146	1.6	1,863,101	4.4
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	389,803	0.8	441,688	1.0
CEMENT	661.222	2,291,631	5.0	2,482,737	5.9
METAL CONTAINERS	692	862,609	1.9	1,207,239	2.9
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	72,004	0.2	15,081	0.0
CLOTHING	841-848	5,778	0.0	9,113	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		19,244,450	41.7	19,989,569	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	1,672,242	3.6	1,097,265	2.6
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		25,275,124	54.7	21,260,617	50.2
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		46,191,816	100.0	42,347,451	100.0

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

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

TABLE 10

COMMODITY	SITC CODE	(BDS \$)			
		JANUARY - MAY			
		<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	199,680	0.1	292,894	0.1
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	7,716,314	3.7	7,460,736	3.7
RUM	112.441/449	35,895,230	17.2	35,133,117	17.7
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	7,800,340	3.7	4,898,491	2.5
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	14,780,494	7.1	15,093,071	7.6
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	157,374	0.1	61,777	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	6,296,455	3.0	5,785,524	2.9
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	2,030,831	1.0	1,738,652	0.9
CEMENT	661.222	17,831,042	8.5	12,926,402	6.5
METAL CONTAINERS	692	5,154,672	2.5	7,154,742	3.6
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	301,987	0.1	82,790	0.0
CLOTHING	841-848	80,683	0.0	81,467	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		98,245,102	47.0	90,709,663	45.6
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	6,471,846	3.1	7,445,954	3.7
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		104,535,451	50.0	100,877,678	50.7
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		209,252,399	100.0	199,033,295	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	8,591,177	8,130,890
	054	Vegetables Fresh/ Chilled,Frozen,Dry	8,887,279	8,581,917
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	9,115,505	9,066,944
	098	Edible Products	18,876,778	20,073,428
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	11,465,191	7,685,377
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	12,256,109	11,412,247
	642	Articles Of Paper	11,175,228	11,930,442
	821	Furniture And Parts	7,959,198	9,569,833
	873	Meters And Counters	7,542,750	5,225,140
	893	Articles Of Plastic	12,802,618	12,040,218
TRINIDAD & TOB.	022	Milk And Cream	1,750,268	1,733,808
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	6,653,501	5,771,557
	098	Edible Products	5,186,976	4,623,099
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7,374,443	7,196,614
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	2,811,583	2,805,984
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	172,174,471	162,063,177
	344	Petrol Gases	8,745,267	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	4,225,030	4,720,450
	642	Articles Of Paper	5,520,126	4,217,892
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,965,293	2,171,214
PUERTO RICO	334	Petroleum Products Refined	71,501,885	51,923,790
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	325,946	623,448
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,880,610	1,268,296
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	252,178	173,147
	598	Misc. Chemical Products	157,282	212,770
	642	Articles Of Paper	345,436	117,164
	752	Data Processing Machines	180,321	2,634
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	125,509	557
	884	Optical Cord	173,909	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,714,394	2,121,807
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	2,548,227	2,120,454
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	2,646,728	1,846,723
	752	Data Processing Machines	4,727,503	3,709,823
	761	Television Receivers	2,471,230	1,711,687
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	3,890,697	4,592,874
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	2,404,236	821,635
	775	Household Type Equipment	2,222,703	1,648,215
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	2,814,586	23,495
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,963,941	2,313,610
	897	Jewellery	2,074,335	2,340,607
UNITED KINGDOM	024	Cheese And Curd	3,029,634	2,723,648
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,356,547	1,231,060
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	2,330,559	1,089,921
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	1,517,949	1,268,374
	098	Edible Products	1,843,636	2,194,623
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	3,732,990	2,564,757
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	3,654,754	2,948,049
	781	Motor Cars	2,047,084	1,394,508
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	1,222,904	1,728,374
	892	Printed Matter	4,031,718	2,682,758

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,121,084	1,350,304
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	16,936,680	18,670,035
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	918,555	889,918
	728	Other Machinery	582,700	120,010
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	4,541,256	5,712,237
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	2,144,457	621,807
	885	Watches And Clocks	551,982	21,770
	897	Jewellery	1,031,827	2,282,786
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,754,682	2,631,986
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	791,497	774,057
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,112,595	1,285,198
	091	Margarine And Shortening	3,781,086	3,785,054
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	817,825	1,224,024
	333	Petroleum Crude	12,078,404	9,403,489
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	540,564	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,338,466	3,004,076
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,941,453	1,872,070
	692	Metal Containers	1,517,808	2,007,598
	892	Printed Matter	697,671	375,592
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	295,702	574,121
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	1,126,635	979,390
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,050,608	1,036,649
	059	Fruit Juices	482,451	344,487
	091	Margarine And Shortening	624,095	402,494
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	950,013	188,380
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	1,068,605	1,293,919
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	429,761	302,923
	661	Lime, Cement	13,676,190	9,529,249
	892	Printed Matter	1,119,322	1,193,365
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,004,427	677,711
ANTIGUA	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	325,412	249,049
	059	Fruit Juices	1,103,525	945,984
	062	Sugar Confectionary	64,426	120,518
	091	Margarine And Shortening	297,615	349,753
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	338,945	338,529
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	2,975,157	606,239
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,566,586	1,151,912
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	556,528	518,728
	813	Light Fixtures,Fittings	2,668,590	6,694
	892	Printed Matter	469,090	331,388
JAMAICA	017	Meat Prepared	477,782	299,247
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	504,523	391,193
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,682,956	1,522,834
	091	Margarine And Shortening	306,486	230,331
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,020,724	1,052,336
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	1,259,672	208,831
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,958,253	2,662,528
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	424,319	412,911
	692	Metal Containers	3,354,750	4,762,049
	892	Printed Matter	3,202,106	3,002,437

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	101,691,582	86,344,378
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	2,265,873	1,525,877
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	4,576,053	1,000,045
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	10,845,937	12,389,184
UNITED STATES	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,348,659	4,616,898
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,016,387	4,628,717
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	1,060,181	2,771,477
	845	Articles Of Apparel	879,709	3,347,024
	851	Footwear	1,416,247	4,450,092
	885	Watches And Clocks	7,703,031	4,075,407
	897	Jewellery	24,476,538	7,460,732
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	442,623	1,202,894
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	603,876	771,498
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	238,813	779,235
PANAMA	843	Male Clothing Knitted	65,956	328,767
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	81,524	136,134
	845	Articles Of Apparel	229,104	1,178,810
	851	Footwear	326,191	1,816,206
	884	Optical Cord	35,446	112,236
	885	Watches And Clocks	63,295	268,080
	897	Jewellery	56,032	107,403
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	995,714	6,547,170
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	4,395	117,132
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	863,570	2,800,890
JAMAICA	641	Paper And Paper Products	1,622	-
	697	Household Equipment Base Metals	18,650	15,611
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	147,178	-
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	3,282	-
	846	Clothing Accessories	3,401	-
	872	Medical Appliances	15,200	29,066
	898	Musical Instruments	1,082	68
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	62,318	62,341
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	201,326	110,989
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,871,667	1,474,355
ANTIGUA	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	52,718	5,986
	751	Office Machines	81,590	28,410
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	139,033	126,883
	872	Medical Appliances	119,914	31,082
	885	Watches And Clocks	63,187	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	55,352	63,703
	897	Jewellery	111,537	-

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

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2018	2017
IMPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	19,544,172	18,251,831
	098 Edible Products	39,368,875	36,916,690
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	22,857,046	22,455,613
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	298,561,193	255,672,040
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	38,503,416	42,617,024
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	19,150,173	17,793,377
	642 Articles Of Paper	21,475,318	21,110,586
	781 Motor Cars	36,799,353	43,914,508
	782 Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	20,641,644	19,288,934
	893 Articles Of Plastic	27,828,039	25,852,070
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	7,536,024	7,389,099
	091 Margarine And Shortening	7,716,314	7,460,736
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	39,782,885	39,556,129
	333 Petroleum Crude	12,078,404	9,403,489
	533 Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	7,800,340	4,898,491
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	14,734,132	15,080,672
	661 Lime, Cement	18,093,725	12,962,235
	772 Electric Switches Fuses	6,495,983	7,464,644
	892 Printed Matter	11,928,573	10,624,520
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	12,057,853	18,163,874
RE-EXPORTS	073 Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	2,265,873	1,529,577
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	8,399,168	9,572,139
	122 Tobacco Manufactured	3,302,460	1,788,515
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	101,691,862	86,344,799
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	9,358,652	14,135,019
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	11,532,276	12,719,642
	831 Travel Goods, Handbags	1,921,913	8,010,771
	841 Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,858,814	5,684,283
	885 Watches And Clocks	8,686,128	5,049,695
	897 Jewellery	25,919,798	8,854,844