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## PREFACE

The Department of Statistics presents this report in a series of Foreign Trade Quarterly Reports which is published within the quarter immediately following.

The report contains tables that provide data on the value and volume of Trade between The Bahamas and the rest of the world. The data are collected by The Bahamas Customs Department and are forwarded to the Department of Statistics where they are processed, analyzed and published by the Foreign Trade Section of the Department of Statistics.

The data in this report are provisional and represent data available at the time of publishing; therefore it is subject to changes when tabulated for the Annual Report.


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## THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS QUARTERLY REPORT

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## Data Notes and Explanation

## 1. Data Source

The source documents of the statistics in this report are the Customs import entries, declarations and export documents submitted by importers and exporters, which are subject to verification and approval by The Bahamas Customs Department.

## 2. Coverage

As recommended by the United Nations International 'Merchandise Trade Statistics Manual', and to the extent possible, the General Trade System is used for the recording and compilation of external trade statistics for The Bahamas. This system covers all types of inward and outward movement of goods through a country or territory, including movements through warehouses and free zones. In essence, it includes all merchandise that either add to or reduce the stock of material resources of a country or territory by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) the country's economic territory.

## 3. Transaction Values

The value of imports are c.i.f., that is, the value at the port of importation including freight and insurance charges and other charges incidental to the delivery at the port of import.

The values of exports are f.o.b., that is, the value of goods including the cost of transportation and insurance to the border of the exporting country.

The values presented are Bahamian dollars and the exchange rates prevailing at the time of importation are used in converting foreign currencies.

## 4. Changes/Exclusion to Presentation of Trade Data

Excluded from the compilation of the foreign trade statistics are the goods traded that do not make any changes to the wealth and material resources of the country. Examples of such goods are crude oil, residual fuel oils and certain chemicals temporarily imported for storage purposes only.

## 5. Commodity Classification

The classifications of goods used in this report are the Harmonized Description and Coding System, better known as the Harmonized System (HS) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC). The HS arranges goods according to their degree of manufacture and classifies them into ninety-seven chapters which are grouped into twenty-one sections. Section twenty-two was added to accommodate local trade. The SITC on the other hand, arranges goods according to their stage of production. The SITC contains sixty-seven divisions which are condensed into ten sections.

## Definitions and Abbreviations:

Imports - Goods imported from foreign countries for further processing or local consumption.

Domestic Exports - Goods produced or manufactured locally and exported to foreign countries.

Re-exports - goods exported in the same condition as when imported from a foreign country

Balance of Trade - is the total export minus the total import. It is usually calculated totally for a country or for each trading partner.

Port of Entry - a port that serves as a first port of entry from an international port.

## Abbreviations:

| Lbs. | Pound avoirdupois |
| :--- | :--- |
| Gal. | U.S. Gallons |
| Cwt. | Hundredweight cwt.=112 voirdupois |
| Ton | 2240 pounds avoirdupois |
| 1000 lin. inches | 1000 Linear Inches |
| Stem | Stem = 28 pounds |
| Barrels | 35 Imperial Gallons or 42 US Gallons |
| No. | Number |

## 1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ QUARTER 2019 TRADE DATA HIGHLIGHTS

## IMPORTS

Data on merchandise trade for $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter 2019 shows that the value of commodities imported into The Bahamas totaled $\$ 709$ million resulting in a decrease of $17 \%$ when compared with the same period last year.

The major groups of merchandise, were 'Food and Live Animal' which totaled \$132 million, 'Machinery And Transport Equipment' at $\$ 129$ million and 'Mineral Fuels, Lubricants And Related Materials' which totaled $\$ 128$ million. The combined value of these categories represented $55 \%$ of total imports.

Other categories that contributed to the total imports were 'Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly By Materials' which accounted for $\$ 101$ million, 'Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles' value at 95 million and 'Chemicals', at $\$ 57$ million (these groups together represented $36 \%$ of total Imports).
'Chemicals' and 'Manufactured Goods Classified chiefly By Materials' showed a decline of $23 \%$ and $21 \%$ respectively, when compared to the same quarter last year.

## EXPORTS

As it relates to total exports, data for $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter 2019 shows that the value of commodities exported (Domestic and Re-Export) from The Bahamas totaled $\$ 121$ million resulting in an increase of $10 \%$ when compared with the same period last year.

The categories that contributed the largest proportion to the exports were 'Chemicals' which totaled $\$ 34$ million of the total export, representing 28\%, 'Machinery And Transport Equipment' which totaled $\$ 24$ million of the total export or representing $20 \%$ and Mineral fuels, Lubricants And Related Materials' that totaled $\$ 23$ million and representing $18 \%$ of total exports.

Categories that showed a decrease when compared to the same period last year were 'Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, 'Crude Minerals, Inedible Except Fuels' and 'Mineral Fuels, Lubricants And Related Materials' which declined by 55\%,18\% and $16 \%$ respectively.


LEGEND
0 Food And Live Animals
1 Beverages And Tobacco
2 Crude Minerals, Inedible Except Fuels
3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants And
Related Materials
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils And Fats

5 Chemicals

6 Manufactured Goods Classified

Chiefly By Materials

7 Machinery And Transport Equipment
8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles

9 Commodities And Transactions Not
Classified According To Kind

Value of Exports by Section of Commodity: 1st Quarter 2019


LEGEND

0 Food And Live Animals
1 Beverages And Tobacco

2 Crude Minerals, Inedible Except Fuels
3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants And

Related Materials

4 Animal and Vegetable Oils And Fats

5 Chemicals

6 Manufactured Goods Classified

Chiefly By Materials

7 Machinery And Transport Equipment

8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles

9 Commodities And Transactions Not Classified According To Kind

VALUE OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND BALANCE OF TRADE BY QUARTERS, 2018 - $1^{\text {st }}$ QUARTER, 2019

| TABLE 1 |  |  |  | B\$ |
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## VALUE OF IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY AND QUARTERS, 2018 - $1^{\text {st }}$ QUARTER, 2019

TABLE 2

SECTION OF COMMODITY

0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO
2 CRUDE MINERALS, INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED
3 MATERIALS

4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS

5 CHEMICALS

6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIALS

7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT

8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES

9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO KIND

TOTAL

| IMPORTS | IMPORTS | IMPORTS | IMPORTS | IMPORTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1^{\text {st }} \text { QTR } \\ 2018 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2^{\text {nd }} \text { QTR } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3^{\text {rd }} \text { QTR } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4^{\text {th }} \text { QTR } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1}^{\text {st }} \text { QTR } \\ 2019 \end{gathered}$ |
| 138,754,852 | 170,180,740 | 130,999,341 | 140,363,929 | 131,731,573 |
| 26,186,527 | 14,638,496 | 25,468,364 | 19,951,265 | 19,932,656 |
| 18,606,520 | 20,713,781 | 17,265,387 | 23,792,401 | 17,497,236 |
| 145,497,549 | 103,194,771 | 233,644,070 | 101,302,458 | 127,670,458 |
| 2,764,828 | 2,510,076 | 2,822,247 | 2,323,491 | 2,621,467 |
| 74,624,057 | 92,594,009 | 69,803,731 | 80,715,545 | 57,255,411 |
| 127,388,083 | 178,926,530 | 108,204,269 | 114,743,237 | 100,615,206 |
| 172,847,115 | 180,548,476 | 168,655,364 | 153,012,028 | 129,389,809 |
| 109,288,031 | 182,514,406 | 102,604,421 | 133,579,109 | 95,290,042 |
| 34,918,239 | 35,053,399 | 31,918,016 | 31,160,330 | 26,923,414 |
| 850,875,801 | 980,874,684 | 891,385,210 | 800,943,793 | 708,927,272 |

VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY AND QUARTERS, 2018 - $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ QUARTER, 2019

| TABLE 3 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY AND QUARTERS, 2018 - $\mathbf{1}^{\text {ST }}$ QUARTER, 2019

|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { RE- } \\ \text { EXPORTS } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { RE- } \\ \text { EXPORTS } \end{array}$ | RE- EXPORTS | $\begin{array}{r} \text { RE- } \\ \text { EXPORTS } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { RE- } \\ \text { EXPORTS } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $1^{\text {st }}$ QTR 2018 | $2^{\text {nd }}$ QTR 2018 | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ QTR 2018 | $4^{\text {th }}$ QTR 2018 | $1^{\text {st }}$ QTR 2019 |
| SECTION OF COMMODITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS | 81,007 | 72,314 | 64,996 | 31,595 | 475,013 |
| 1 | BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | 75,007 | 168,455 | 160,389 | 201,208 | 210,995 |
| 2 | CRUDE MINERALS, INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS | 638,242 | 762,084 | 779,467 | 1,125,746 | 572,451 |
| 3 | MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS | 26,569,090 | 19,773,604 | 26,898,416 | 28,317,333 | 22,287,417 |
| 4 | ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS | - | 100 | 217 | 492 | 340 |
| 5 | CHEMICALS | 1,467,332 | 716,359 | 2,081,260 | 341,284 | 765,406 |
| 6 | MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIALS | 8,347,681 | 9,289,497 | 4,499,354 | 5,087,116 | 12,282,540 |
| 7 | MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT | 18,415,186 | 70,679,611 | 17,295,908 | 10,366,324 | 24,095,131 |
| 8 | MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES | 5,619,472 | 7,037,368 | 5,744,261 | 3,158,697 | 2,504,304 |
| 9 | COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED | 20,095 | 15,910 | 24,000 | 14,000 |  |
| ACCORDING TO KIND |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | 61,233,112 | 108,515,302 | 57,548,268 | 48,643,795 | 63,193,597 |

## VALUE OF IMPORTS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY $1^{\text {ST }}$ QUARTER, 2019

## TABLE 5

|  |  |  | DOMESTIC |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SECTIONS | DESCRIPTIONS | IMPORTS | EXPORTS | RE-EXPORTS |
| Section 1. | Live Animals Animal Products | 44,982,902 | 18,978,480 | 4,450 |
| Section 2. | Vegetable Products | 34,992,916 | 40,284 | 8,375 |
| Section 3. | Animal or Vegetable Fats Oils \& Their Cleavage Products Prepared Edible Fats Animal or Vegetable Waxes | 3,673,373 | - | 340 |
| Section 4. | Prepared FoodStuffs Beverages Spirits Vinegar Tobacco \& Manufactured Substitutes | 73,685,796 | 565,984 | 673,183 |
| Section 5. | Mineral Products | 133,896,254 | 4,286,269 | 22,332,620 |
| Section 6. | Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries | 46,808,849 | 7,099,299 | 666,167 |
| Section 7. | Plastics \& Articles Thereof Rubber \& Articles Thereof | 31,393,486 | 25,793,105 | 356,544 |
| Section 8. | Raw Hides \& skin Leather Furskins \& Articles Thereof Saddlery Harness Travel Goods Handbags \& Similar Containers Articles of Animal Gut (Other Than Silk-Worm Gut) | 3,327,020 | - | 4,793 |
| Section 9. | Wood and Articles of Wood Charcoal Cork \& Articles of Cork Manufactures of Staw Esparto or Other Plaiting Materials Basketware \& Wickerwork | 19,922,527 | - | 53,920 |
| Section 10. | Pulp of Wood Other Fibrous Cellulosic Material Recovered (Waste \& Scrap) Paper or Paperboard Paper \& Paperboard Articles Thereof | 13,169,465 | 15,604 | 790,276 |
| Section 11. | Textiles and Textile Articles | 20,171,320 | - | 498,087 |
| Section 12. | Footwear Headgear Umbrellas Sun Umbrellas Walking-Stick Seat-Sicks Whips Riding-Crops \& Parts Thereof Prepared Feather \& Articles Artificial Flowers Articles of Human Hair | 7,593,468 | - | 6,151 |
| Section 13. | Articles of Stone Plaster Cement Asbestos Mica or Similar Materials Ceramic Products Glass \& Glassware | 15,754,625 | - | 155,032 |
| Section 14. | Natural or Cultured Pearls Precious or Semi-Precious Stones Precious Metal Metals Clad With Precious Metal \& Articles Thereof Imitation Jewellery Coin | 3,382,861 | - | 104,727 |
| Section 15. | Base Metal and Articles of Base Metal | 47,951,993 | 800,998 | 11,327,372 |
| Section 16. | Machinery and Mechanical Appliances Electrical Equipment Parts Thereof Sound Recorders \& Reproducers Television Image Sound Recorders \& Reproducers Part \& Accessories of Such Articles | 94,896,295 | - | 13,671,795 |
| Section 17. | Vehicles Aircraft Vessels \& Associated Transport Equipment | 34,673,913 | - | 10,387,051 |
| Section 18. | Optical Photographic Cinematographic Measuring Checking Precision Medical Surgical Instruments Apparatus Clocks Watches Musical Instruments Parts \& Accessories Thereof | 11,843,910 | - | 1,106,492 |
| Section 19. | Arms \& Ammunition Parts \& Accessories Thereof | 3,336 | - |  |
| Section 20. | Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles | 37,334,815 | - | 837,742 |
| Section 21. | Work of Art Collectors' Pieces \& Antiques | 27,345,157 | - | 208,480 |
| Section 22. | Human Remains | 2,122,991 | - | - |
| TOTAL |  | 708,927,272 | 57,580,023 | 63,193,597 |

VALUE OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND BALANCE OF TRADE CLASSIFIED BY PRINCIPAL TRADING AREAS AND QUARTERS, 2018 - $1^{\text {ST }}$ QUARTER, 2019

TABLE 6

|  | $\mathbf{1 s t}^{\text {st }}$ QTR $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ QTR 2018 | $\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$ QTR 2018 | $\mathbf{4}^{\text {th }}$ QTR 2018 | $\mathbf{1}^{\text {sT }}$ QTR 2019 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ALL COUNTRIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports | $850,875,801$ | $980,874,684$ | $891,385,210$ | $800,943,793$ | $708,927,272$ |
| Exports | $109,319,499$ | $168,156,132$ | $121,822,157$ | $124,924,975$ | $120,773,620$ |
| Balance | $-741,556,302$ | $-812,718,552$ | $-769,563,053$ | $-676,018,818$ | $-588,153,652$ |

## UNITED KINGDOM

Imports

Balance
$6,453,561$
$2,286,381$
$-4,167,180$
$6,773,577$
$2,557,978$
$-4,215,599$
$19,704,593$
$1,677,058$
$-18,027,535$

| $17,696,318$ | $3,637,401$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $2,832,521$ | $1,154,964$ |
| $-14,863,797$ | $-2,482,437$ |

## CANADA

Imports
$5,634,512$
227,248
$-5,407,264$
$7,492,206$
203,287
$-7,288,919$
$6,701,346$
148,488
$-6,552,858$

| $6,169,410$ | $4,878,122$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 513,190 | 97,728 |
| $-5,656,220$ | $-4,780,394$ |

U.S.A.
Imports
Exports
Balance
CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH
COUNTRIES
Imports
Exports
Balance

EUROPEAN COMMON-MARKET
COUNTRIES

## COUNTRIES

Imports
Exports
Balance
$19,745,682$
$3,485,713$
$-16,259,969$
$17,673,890$
$12,937,071$
$-4,736,819$
$19,070,553$
$17,835,153$
$-1,235,400$

| $16,969,779$ | $13,955,238$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $16,041,868$ | $10,305,536$ |
| $-927,911$ | $-3,649,702$ |

O.P.E.C
Imports

| 488,608 | 905,705 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 24,959 | - |
| $-463,649$ | $-905,705$ |

701,213
2,000
$-699,213$

775,016
424,831
$-424,831$

## OTHER COUNTRIES

Imports
Exports
Balance

| $75,906,007$ | $112,481,797$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $7,677,657$ | $53,180,939$ |
| $-68,228,350$ | $-59,300,858$ |

$134,737,466$
$2,138,517$
$-132,598,949$
$61,028,653$
$1,701,037$
$-59,327,616$

TOTAL IMPORTS BY ISLAND OF ENTRY AND QUARTERS, 2018 - $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ QUARTER, 2019


