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**IMPORTS DOWN 10.4%, EXPORTS UP 3.0% IN APRIL 2017**

**IMPORTS**

**APRIL 2017:** Belize's total imports for the month of April 2017 were valued at \$146.7 million. This was a decrease of 10.4 percent or \$17.1 million from imports for April 2016, which totaled \$163.8 million. Decreased imports across most categories, including 'Machinery and Transport Equipment', 'Manufactured goods', and 'Other Manufactures' overshadowed purchases of 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' and goods destined to the Commercial Free Zones, resulting in the sharp drop in imports for the month.

The significant decline of \$24 million in imports of 'Machinery and Transport Equipment', from \$53 million in April 2016 to \$29 million in April 2017, was the primary cause of the downturn in overall imports during the month. Within this category, purchases of telecommunication parts alone plummeted from \$17 million during April of last year to just over \$0.6 million in April of this year. Imports of 'Manufactured Goods' saw a less drastic decline of \$2 million from \$21 million to \$19 million due to lowered imports of glass bottles, plywood and aluminum windows and doors. 'Other Manufactures' also fell by close to \$2 million from \$14 million to \$12 million, as a result of reduced purchases of floor mats, medical needles and catheters, and gold jewelry. Additionally, goods meant for the 'Export Processing Zones' dropped by \$1 million during the month, from \$5 million to \$4 million, with milling tools, lift detectors and gaming machines being among the decreased items within this category.

Imports of 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants', on the other hand, recorded growth of nearly \$7 million, as that category went up from \$16 million in April 2016 to \$23 million in April 2017, owing in large part to higher world market prices for fuel. A spike in imports of tennis shoes, women's clothing and cigarettes resulted in an almost \$4 million increase in items destined for the 'Commercial Free Zones', from \$15.5 million to \$19.5 million, while purchases of 'Crude Materials', particularly pine lumber, rose by over \$1 million for the month.

**FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR:** Merchandise imports for the period January to April 2017 totaled \$578.3 million, representing a 4.9 percent or a \$29.8 million decrease from \$608.2 million over the same four-month period last year. The chief cause of the decline during this period was a \$41 million drop in imports of 'Machinery and Transport Equipment' from \$160.5 million in 2016 to \$119.5 million in 2017, due to considerable reductions in purchases of telecommunication parts, four cylinder vehicles and telecommunications equipment. On the other hand, the 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' category grew substantially by \$24.7 million from \$52.5 million to \$77.2 million, due for the most part to the continued rise in world market prices for fuel.

**EXPORTS**

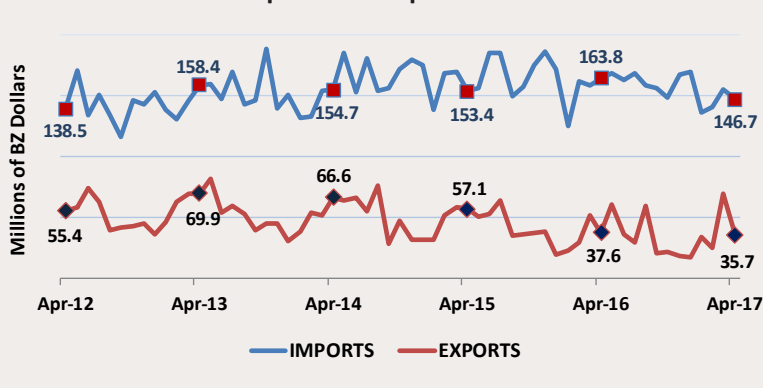
**APRIL 2017:** Total domestic exports for April 2017 amounted to \$35.7 million, up 3 percent or \$1 million when compared to exports for April 2016. Sugar was the only major export commodity which saw a sizeable increase during the month, while both citrus and crude petroleum declined considerably.

Sugar, the principal contributor to the increase in domestic exports during the month, rose from \$2.4 million in April 2016 to \$13.1 million in April 2017. Although no shrimp was exported in April 2017, marine products still recorded modest growth of \$0.5 million from \$1.3 million to \$1.8 million during the month, owing to the strong performance in sales of both whole fish and lobster meat. Earnings from banana exports remained unchanged at \$6.6 million, while citrus exports experienced a sharp decline, from \$15.2 million in April 2016 to \$7.7 million in April 2017, as sales of orange concentrate fell by almost a half during the month. There were no exports of crude petroleum during April 2017. The European Union accounted for almost two thirds, or \$22 million of total exports for the month. Another 20 percent, or \$7.2 million was exported to the United States (see Figure 4).

**FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR:** Merchandise exports for the first four months of 2017 totaled \$165.8 million, up \$27.1 million from \$138.7 million during the same period last year.

Sugar continues to be Belize's top export earner, accounting for approximately a third of total exports for the period January to April 2017. Sales of this commodity totaled \$57 million, up by \$23 million or 69 percent from the \$34 million recorded for the same four-month period in 2016. Banana earnings rose by \$8 million, from \$22 million to \$30 million, over the period. Crude petroleum exports, benefiting from more favorable world market prices, grew substantially from \$7 million to \$11 million, notwithstanding the fact that the volumes exported were virtually unchanged from the same period in 2016. Marine products, also contributed to the increase in export revenues during the period, as earnings rose by \$2.7 million from \$10.6 million to more than \$13 million. In contrast, citrus exports shrank by almost \$15 million from \$38.4 million in 2016 to \$23.5 million in 2017, due to a sizeable drop in sales of orange concentrate.

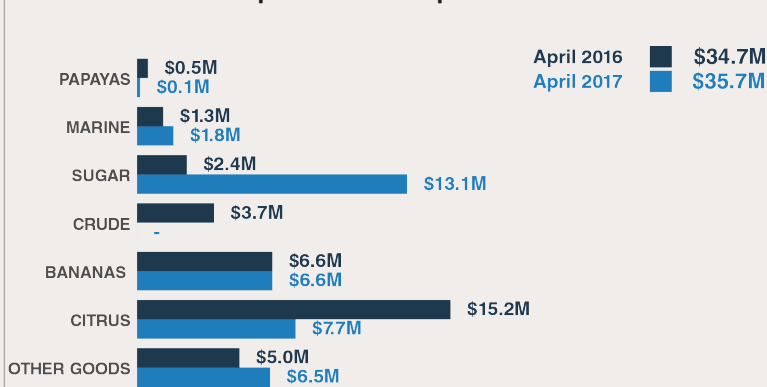
**Figure 1: Monthly Gross Imports and Domestic Exports; April 2012 - April 2017**



**Figure 2: Composition of Gross Imports by Type; April 2017**

MANUFACTURED GOODS & OTHER MANUFACTURES	MACHINERY & TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT		29.1M	
	31.1M	COMMERCIAL FREE ZONE & EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES		23.6M
		MINERAL FUELS & LUBRICANTS		23.1M
		FOOD & LIVE ANIMALS		19.3M
		CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	ALL OTHER GOODS	12.8M
<b>TOTAL = 146.7 MILLION</b>				

**Figure 3: Composition of Domestic Exports by Type; April 2016 and April 2017**



**Figure 4: Composition of Exports by Destination; April 2017 (Millions of BZ Dollars)**

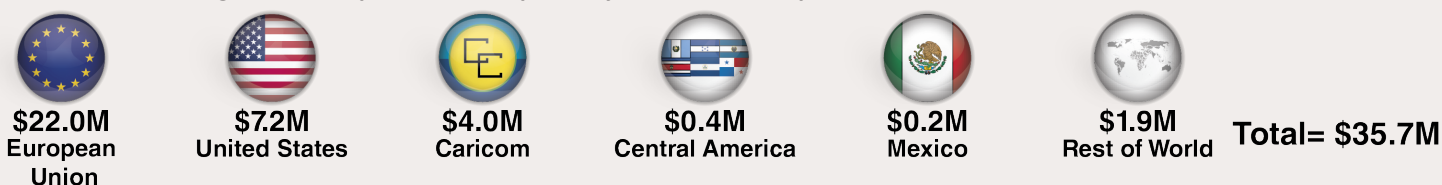


Table 1: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$'000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)						Balance of Trade	
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total			
	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16
Food and Live Animals	19,350.0	20,191.6	32,011.3	30,527.5	5.13	95.1	32,016.4	30,622.7	12,666	10,431
Beverages and Tobacco	2,916.8	2,286.4	0.6	10.0	93.31	211.1	93.9	221.1	(2,823)	(2,065)
Crude Materials	3,417.5	2,285.6	197.8	255.4	0.61	0.0	198.4	255.4	(3,219)	(2,030)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	23,065.0	16,216.2	15.8	3,783.0	1,960.53	1,625.2	1,976.3	5,408.2	(21,089)	(10,808)
Oils and Fats	1,158.8	1,191.6	-	22.3	-	10.3	-	32.7	(1,159)	(1,159)
Chemical Products	12,811.8	12,892.4	2,832.1	17.9	883.99	127.5	3,716.1	145.5	(9,096)	(12,747)
Manufactured Goods	18,711.1	20,707.3	604.8	58.0	190.98	399.5	795.8	457.5	(17,915)	(20,250)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	29,055.1	52,920.7	-	6.1	130.43	980.0	130.4	986.0	(28,925)	(51,935)
Other Manufactures	12,382.3	14,200.4	59.7	9.5	2,436.05	1,988.2	2,495.7	1,997.7	(9,887)	(12,203)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	19,545.0	15,551.2	-	-	3,015.77	2,198.6	3,015.8	2,198.6	(16,529)	(13,353)
Export Processing Zones	4,041.8	5,070.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,042)	(5,070)
Personal Goods	234.0	237.8	-	-	84.22	37.1	84.2	37.1	(150)	(201)
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,689.2</b>	<b>163,751.4</b>	<b>35,722.0</b>	<b>34,689.8</b>	<b>8,801.01</b>	<b>7,672.7</b>	<b>44,523.0</b>	<b>42,362.5</b>	<b>-102,166.2*</b>	<b>-121,388.9*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ

Table 2: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Major Trading Partners for April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16
United States of America	52,133.0	73,780.2	7,192.6	17,980.2	3,395.8	4,080.9	10,588.5	22,061.2
Mexico	16,568.0	17,712.7	202.6	4.0	57.9	374.1	260.6	378.1
United Kingdom	1,404.0	2,406.3	17,139.5	6,614.9	28.1	3.6	17,167.7	6,618.5
Other European Union	7,360.7	4,142.9	4,820.7	4,174.1	188.5	90.2	5,009.2	4,264.3
Panama	5,208.1	3,731.6	-	17.0	-	-	-	17.0
Costa Rica	1,553.4	2,554.4	-	-	8.7	-	8.7	-
Other Central America	13,816.2	15,577.4	438.6	516.6	2,503.6	942.3	2,942.1	1,458.9
Caricom	3,274.1	3,572.3	4,002.8	4,566.0	84.6	212.6	4,087.4	4,778.6
Canada	1,131.5	1,012.0	189.2	81.2	47.6	-	236.8	81.2
Curaçao	19,459.6	12,728.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	11,362.1	10,903.0	-	-	241.1	79.6	241.1	79.6
Other	13,418.5	15,630.1	1,735.9	735.7	2,245.0	1,889.3	3,980.9	2,625.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,689.2</b>	<b>163,751.4</b>	<b>35,722.0</b>	<b>34,689.8</b>	<b>8,801.0</b>	<b>7,672.7</b>	<b>44,523.0</b>	<b>42,362.5</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

Table 3: Value of Belize's Caricom Imports and Exports by Section of The S.I.T.C for April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)						Balance of Trade	
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total			
	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16
Food and Live Animals	348.7	662.9	3,909.9	4,509.6	-	-	3,909.9	4,509.6	3,561	3,847
Beverages and Tobacco	1,637.5	1,294.3	-	-	18.5	-	18.5	-	(1,619)	(1,294)
Crude Materials	14.9	6.4	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	(15)	(6)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	1.2	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(0)
Oils and Fats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemical Products	409.1	129.6	-	11.7	-	-	-	11.7	(409)	(118)
Manufactured goods	200.5	976.7	92.9	44.6	66.1	59.3	159.0	103.9	(41)	(873)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	346.3	263.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	(346)	(263)
Oth. Manufactures	315.9	238.9	-	-	-	153.3	-	153.3	(316)	(86)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Export Processing Zones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,274.1</b>	<b>3,572.3</b>	<b>4,002.8</b>	<b>4,566.0</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>212.6</b>	<b>4,087.4</b>	<b>4,778.6</b>	<b>813.3</b>	<b>1,206.3*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ

Table 4: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports to Caricom Countries for April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16
Antigua & Barbuda	-	1.1	60.4	-	-	-	60.4	-
Barbados	75.5	312.1	327.9	569.0	-	-	327.9	569.0
Dominica	-	216.9	-	-	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
Grenada	193.4	321.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	3.0	443.9	78.4	99.1	-	-	78.4	99.1
Haiti	-	26.4	409.2	-	-	-	409.2	-
Jamaica	811.5	758.6	1,923.5	2,155.4	-	-	1,923.5	2,155.4
St-Kitts & Nevis	199.1	58.0	64.0	-	-	-	64.0	-
St-Lucia	158.7	86.6	-	52.4	24.4	5.5	24.4	57.9
Montserrat	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surinam	-	0.4	-	-	-	153.3	-	153.3
Trinidad & Tobago	1,781.9	1,101.0	1,139.3	1,690.0	18.5	-	1,157.8	1,690.0
St Vincent & Gren.	46.5	245.6	-	-	24.2	36.3	24.2	36.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,274.1</b>	<b>3,572.3</b>	<b>4,002.8</b>	<b>4,566.0</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>212.6</b>	<b>4,087.4</b>	<b>4,778.6</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

Table 5: Belize's Major Domestic Exports by Value of the Total Gross Domestic Exports for April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	April		January - April	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Marine Products</b>				
Lbs '000	3,988.8	137.8	1,408.1	1,064.6
Value	1,760.6	1,273.3	13,228.5	10,558.4
<b>Sugar</b>				
L/Ton	13,837.3	2,405.8	62,520.5	41,926.4
Value	13,101.5	2,410.7	57,197.3	33,769.4
<b>Molasses</b>				
Gals '000	23.8	2,383.4	2,794.5	4,256.3
Value	26.6	2,029.9	2,232.4	3,625.8
<b>Orange Concentrate</b>				
Gals '000	306.2	544.2	890.3	1,269.2
Value	7,345.5	14,721.0	22,026.7	34,962.8
<b>Grapefruit Concentrate</b>				
Gals '000	16.5	20.9	68.6	160.0
Value	348.7	494.9	1,456.0	3,455.1
<b>Bananas</b>				
M/Ton	6,678.0	6,634.5	30,236.8	22,068.6
Value	6,566.2	6,563.6	29,730.6	21,833.0
<b>Sawn Wood</b>				
Bd Ft '000	25.0	16.1	56.8	16.6
Value	120.7	116.9	236.9	124.7
<b>Papayas</b>				
Lbs '000	382.2	999.6	1,478.4	4,103.4
Value	141.2	523.1	609.3	2,391.5
<b>Crude Oil</b>				
Gallons '000	-	2,834.0	5,622.4	5,647.5
Value	-	3,733.4	11,385.2	7,090.6
<b>Other Export</b>				
Value	6,310.9	2,822.9	27,736.3	20,899.8
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>35,722.0</b>	<b>34,689.8</b>	<b>165,839.1</b>	<b>138,711.0</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Table 6: Value of Belize's Other Exports for April 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	April		January - April	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Pepper Sauce</b>				
Lbs	118.5	82.2	380.7	393.7
Value	307.8	155.4	1,050.9	864.7
<b>Orange Oil</b>				
Lbs	498.0	0.4	1,080.9	918.0
Value	2,088.3	3.9	5,926.8	2,937.3
<b>Grapefruit Oil</b>				
Lbs	4.0	0.4	4.4	13.5
Value	184.5	7.8	199.8	266.7
<b>R.K. Beans</b>				
Lbs	466.9	952.5	2,862.9	4,617.7
Value	497.7	746.1	2,851.4	3,394.4
<b>Black Eye Peas</b>				
Lbs	549.5	399.2	3,412.8	863.2
Value	508.1	423.7	2,602.9	901.3
<b>Pulp Cells</b>				
Lbs	169.2	171.9	634.5	2,467.8
Value	119.1	121.0	457.0	1,735.0
<b>Animal Feed</b>				
Lbs	2,009.3	1,761.8	38,572.0	44,176.5
Value	415.4	416.6	6,317.4	7,008.5
<b>Corn Meal</b>				
Lbs	505.0	283.0	1,630.6	1,271.2
Value	204.7	107.2	656.7	517.4
<b>Other Value</b>				
Value	(3,943.4)	841.3	7,673.5	3,274.6
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>382.2</b>	<b>2,822.9</b>	<b>27,736.3</b>	<b>20,899.8</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Table 7: Direction of Trade for Selected Countries for April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-16
United Arab Emirates	638.3	1,573.1	102.9	180.1	-	-	102.9	180.1
Republic Of Austria	509.7	1,020.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	1,050.9	1,293.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	963.0	438.5	-	-	-	1.5	-	1.5
Germany,Fedl.Rep.of	472.0	531.5	563.7	2.9	19.7	1.7	583.5	4.6
Denmark	445.7	494.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	9,299.0	11,019.8	432.4	484.8	142.6	265.9	575.0	750.7
Honduras	3,345.7	2,830.7	6.2	6.4	1,857.2	689.8	1,863.4	696.2
India	1,720.9	3,034.6	119.7	-	13.4	91.1	133.1	91.1
Japan	990.5	2,082.3	43.6	351.8	3.5	6.1	47.1	357.9
South Korea	2,528.4	964.2	-	12.1	-	-	-	12.1
Lithuania	33.6	1.4	-	-	-	3.2	-	3.2
Malaysia	442.3	442.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands (Holland)	1,082.4	1,111.1	1,862.7	1,845.8	-	-	1,862.7	1,845.8
Russian Federation	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	1,144.3	1,802.3	-	25.4	458.1	5.6	458.1	31.0
Thailand	531.9	1,055.4	-	-	0.8	-	0.8	-
New Taiwan	463.3	584.8	591.3	-	-	-	591.3	-
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam	253.8	595.3	-	-	0.2	-	0.2	-

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Table 8: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for January to April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)						Balance of Trade	
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total			
	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016
Food and Live Animals	70,659.4	76,371.2	142,489.8	126,598.5	25.1	918.1	142,514.9	127,516.6	71,855.5	51,145.4
Beverages and Tobacco	11,961.3	11,124.8	152.7	32.2	609.2	591.6	761.9	623.8	-11,199.4	-10,500.9
Crude Materials	12,487.0	11,516.2	655.1	475.7	3.9	7.9	659.1	483.7	-11,828.0	-11,032.6
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	77,181.3	52,532.3	11,446.9	7,194.9	7,308.1	3,595.1	18,755.0	10,790.0	-58,426.3	-41,742.3
Oils and Fats	5,646.1	4,545.0	88.1	23.9	-	20.7	88.1	44.5	-5,558.0	-4,500.5
Chemical Products	51,914.6	54,222.9	8,236.7	4,058.5	3,303.0	719.9	11,539.7	4,778.5	-40,374.8	-49,444.5
Manufactured goods	80,815.4	75,257.3	2,596.8	242.5	738.4	930.3	3,335.1	1,172.8	-77,480.3	-74,084.5
Mach. & Transp. Eq	119,498.0	160,471.3	-	6.1	2,708.7	2,230.5	2,708.7	2,236.5	-116,789.4	-158,234.8
Oth. Manufactures	50,943.4	49,574.0	173.0	78.6	7,841.2	6,139.7	8,014.3	6,218.3	-42,929.1	-43,355.7
Commodities n.e.s	321.4	182.5	-	-	-	14.7	-	14.7	-321.4	-167.7
Commercial Free Zone	83,576.3	89,997.6	-	-	12,876.0	8,057.6	12,876.0	8,057.6	-70,700.2	-81,939.9
Export Processing Zones	11,998.3	21,583.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-11,998.3	-21,583.8
Personal Goods	1,302.8	776.2	-	-	611.6	80.7	611.6	80.7	-691.1	-695.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>578,305.3</b>	<b>608,155.2</b>	<b>165,839.1</b>	<b>138,711.0</b>	<b>36,025.3</b>	<b>23,306.9</b>	<b>201,864.5</b>	<b>162,017.9</b>	<b>-376,440.8*</b>	<b>-446,137.3*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ

Table 9: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Major Trading Partners for January to April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016
United States of America	213,493.3	244,800.2	38,130.7	45,685.2	16,502.1	10,017.9	54,632.9	55,703.2
Mexico	65,334.6	66,306.5	682.6	246.1	359.0	908.5	1,041.7	1,154.6
United Kingdom	5,437.9	9,081.9	80,344.3	48,745.1	264.5	49.3	80,608.7	48,794.4
Other European Union	19,330.5	17,800.9	17,709.2	15,332.8	355.3	138.5	18,064.5	15,471.4
Panama	21,673.3	17,179.9	25.5	324.7	244.5	824.5	270.0	1,149.3
Costa Rica	7,333.5	9,089.2	2.0	4.3	28.9	0.3	30.9	4.5
Other Central America	61,768.2	60,982.7	1,876.1	2,890.9	9,691.1	4,202.5	11,567.2	7,093.3
Caricom	14,915.7	14,922.9	16,286.5	15,738.9	730.2	569.7	17,016.7	16,308.6
Canada	6,358.1	5,133.7	236.6	662.1	182.5	139.0	419.1	801.1
Curaçao	60,434.2	38,319.8	-	-	0.3	-	0.3	-
China	51,124.4	58,676.0	-	-	557.8	1,358.2	557.8	1,358.2
Other	51,101.7	65,861.6	10,545.5	9,081.0	7,109.0	5,098.4	17,654.5	14,179.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>578,305.3</b>	<b>608,155.2</b>	<b>165,839.1</b>	<b>138,711.0</b>	<b>36,025.3</b>	<b>23,306.9</b>	<b>201,864.5</b>	<b>162,017.9</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

Table 10: Value of Belize's Caricom Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for January to April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)						Balance of Trade	
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total			
	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016
Food and Live Animals	1,885.1	2,330.7	15,873.0	15,460.0	20.0	-	15,893.0	15,460.0	14,007.9	13,129.3
Beverages and Tobacco	6,585.4	6,534.7	13.4	-	33.3	0.4	46.7	0.4	-6,538.7	-6,534.4
Crude Materials	30.9	181.4	80.3	0.2	-	-	80.3	0.2	49.5	-181.2
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	2.0	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.0	-0.3
Oils and Fats	2.0	0.1	87.2	-	-	-	87.2	-	85.1	-0.1
Chemical Products	2,762.5	1,524.3	42.1	102.0	-	-	42.1	102.0	-2,720.4	-1,422.2
Manufactured goods	2,114.2	2,272.6	190.6	176.5	210.8	245.2	401.4	421.7	-1,712.7	-1,850.9
Mach. & Transp. Eqt	529.1	966.9	-	-	100.9	0.4	100.9	0.4	-428.2	-966.5
Oth. Manufactures	1,004.6	1,016.8	-	0.2	2.0	203.5	2.0	203.7	-1,002.6	-813.1
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Commercial Free Zone	-	-	-	-	-	120.2	-	120.2	0.0	120.2
Export Processing Zones	-	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-7.8
Personal Goods	-	87.3	-	-	363.3	-	363.3	-	363.3	-87.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,915.7</b>	<b>14,922.9</b>	<b>16,286.5</b>	<b>15,738.9</b>	<b>730.2</b>	<b>569.7</b>	<b>17,016.7</b>	<b>16,308.6</b>	<b>2,101.1*</b>	<b>1,385.7*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ

Table 11: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports to Caricom Countries for January to April of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr 2017	Jan-Apr 2016
Antigua & Barbuda	-	1.1	60.4	-	-	-	60.4	-
Barbados	564.5	1,039.5	783.2	1,257.5	-	-	783.2	1,257.5
Dominica	160.6	547.5	-	-	52.6	70.1	52.6	70.1
Grenada	1,081.3	1,044.9	22.2	19.1	20.0	-	42.2	19.1
Guyana	735.9	717.4	548.8	595.2	462.5	-	1,011.3	595.2
Haiti	-	26.4	888.9	148.7	1.6	-	890.5	148.7
Jamaica	3,939.5	3,468.7	9,529.8	7,428.8	-	50.6	9,529.8	7,479.5
St. Kitts & Nevis	464.4	495.3	91.9	29.0	-	-	91.9	29.0
St. Lucia	565.6	797.7	52.4	75.8	40.0	5.5	92.4	81.3
Montserrat	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	1,283.0	0.4	-	49.2	-	153.3	-	202.5
Trinidad & Tobago	5,702.7	5,818.1	4,308.9	6,135.5	20.5	120.7	4,329.3	6,256.2
St Vincent & Gren.	413.8	965.8	-	-	133.0	169.5	133.0	169.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,915.7</b>	<b>14,922.9</b>	<b>16,286.5</b>	<b>15,738.9</b>	<b>730.2</b>	<b>569.7</b>	<b>17,016.7</b>	<b>16,308.6</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

Table 12: Value of Belize's Imports by Economic End-Use

(BZ \$ '000)

	Imports						
	Annual			April		January - April	
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Consumer Goods</b>							
11: Food and beverages	196,240.8	200,155.3	206,184	18,353.7	17,583.1	63,728	66,369
12: Transport equipment	16,144.9	24,285.5	19,291	907.6	1,250.1	4,455	5,147
13: Durable goods	44,459.6	53,822.2	59,647	3,141.5	5,465.9	14,999	17,544
14: Semi-durable goods	52,262.5	59,234.8	69,971	4,106.8	5,274.3	18,927	18,813
15: Non-durable goods	106,878.9	115,310.2	108,192	9,451.0	9,573.0	36,140	31,626
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>							
21: Food and beverages	28,029.4	28,325.5	28,102	1,398.1	2,089.4	9,081	9,316
22: Fuels and lubricants	190,886.5	136,155.9	117,217	13,050.8	10,325.5	47,709	35,240
23: Parts and accessories	89,375.3	128,561.1	127,437	9,007.5	26,800.0	34,496	52,236
24: Industrial supplies nes	393,726.2	422,219.7	424,769	31,844.7	32,512.6	135,109	134,800
<b>Capital Goods</b>							
31: Transport equipment	57,183.1	58,294.8	62,894	2,536.6	3,811.1	14,925	19,981
32: Other capital goods	161,115.9	208,061.8	210,269	15,811.7	18,240.6	59,466	72,508
<b>Other Goods</b>							
41: Passenger motor cars	30,772.7	32,011.6	42,343	3,157.8	3,899.5	11,484	13,724
42: Motor spirit	103,632.4	83,747.3	69,944	9,961.4	5,894.7	29,631	17,134
43: Goods to EPZ	115,153.4	115,827.8	45,348	4,041.8	5,070.0	11,998	21,584
44: Goods to CFZ	327,084.6	317,120.4	305,484	19,545.0	15,551.2	83,576	89,998
45: Household goods	6,511.8	5,039.4	3,919	234.0	237.8	1,303	776
46: Goods nes	5,339.4	4,571.5	4,553	139.3	172.6	1,276	1,358
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>1,924,797.4</b>	<b>1,992,744.8</b>	<b>1,905,564.2</b>	<b>146,689.2</b>	<b>163,751.4</b>	<b>578,305</b>	<b>608,155</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>716,863.0</b>	<b>627,924.8</b>	<b>492,524.3</b>	<b>44,523.0</b>	<b>42,362.5</b>	<b>201,864.5</b>	<b>162,017.9</b>
<b>Visible Trade Gap</b>	<b>-902,324.9*</b>	<b>-1,068,993.5*</b>	<b>-1,133,858.1*</b>	<b>-102,166.2*</b>	<b>-121,388.9*</b>	<b>-376,441*</b>	<b>-446,137*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ

Table 13: Value of Belize's Imports by Economic End Use for the Previous Five Quarters

(BZ \$ '000)

	Imports				
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2017
<b>Consumer Goods</b>					
11. Food and beverages	48,786.4	52,334.1	52,892.9	52,170.9	45,375
12. Transport equipment	3,896.6	4,694.2	5,530.0	5,170.7	3,548
13. Durable goods	12,078.4	14,961.9	15,841.8	16,764.6	11,858
14. Semi-durable goods	13,538.3	17,071.7	18,849.2	20,511.7	14,820
15. Non-durable goods	22,053.2	29,625.7	28,700.6	27,812.7	26,689
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>					
21. Food and beverages	7,226.9	6,874.3	7,769.6	6,231.4	7,683
22. Fuels and lubricants	24,914.9	34,740.2	26,797.7	30,763.7	34,658
23. Parts and accessories	25,436.2	51,342.9	25,969.8	24,688.5	25,489
24. Industrial supplies nes	102,287.2	107,271.3	108,093.4	107,116.9	103,265
<b>Capital Goods</b>					
31. Transport equipment	16,170.1	11,755.1	17,634.2	17,334.4	12,388
32. Other capital goods	54,267.0	53,916.3	52,080.8	50,004.6	43,655
<b>Other Goods</b>					
41. Passenger motor cars	9,824.8	10,947.5	9,567.9	12,002.4	8,327
42. Motor spirit	11,239.5	20,177.7	19,936.0	18,590.7	19,669
43. Goods to EPZ	16,513.8	11,653.8	9,305.3	7,875.6	7,957
44. Goods to CFZ	74,446.3	65,061.6	80,831.0	85,145.4	64,031
45. Household goods	538.4	972.0	1,124.2	1,283.9	1,069
46. Goods nes	1,185.9	1,462.7	1,254.9	649.9	1,137
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>444,403.8</b>	<b>494,863.0</b>	<b>482,179.3</b>	<b>484,118.1</b>	<b>431,616</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>119,655.38</b>	<b>151,564.60</b>	<b>139,120.96</b>	<b>82,183.40</b>	<b>157,341.47</b>
<b>Visible Trade Gap</b>	<b>-324,748.4*</b>	<b>-343,298.4*</b>	<b>-343,058.3*</b>	<b>-401,934.7*</b>	<b>-274,275*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ