# IMPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCREASED BY 0.6\% DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2017. 

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Special points of interest:
Value of Imports for the period was $\$ 288$ million.

Value of exports for the period was $\$ 1.5$ million.

Merchandise trade balance for the period was $\$ 286.5$ million.

Using the SITC classification:

- Food Imports declined by 0.7\%.
- Machinery and Transport Equipment increased by $0.1 \%$.
- Imports of Beverages and Tobacco recorded a decline of 4.1\%.
- Chemical Imports declined by 5.0\%.


The Turks and Caicos Islands Merchandise imports totaled approximately \$288 million for the first nine months of 2017. This represents an increase of $\$ 0.5$ million or 0.7 percent when compared to the same period in 2016. Exports from the Turks and Caicos Islands during this period were valued at $\$ 1.5$ million when compared to $\$ 3.4$ million during the same period of 2016. This resulted in an overall merchandise trade balance of approximately ( $\$ 286.5$ ) million during the period and the worsening of the overall trade balance by approximately 0.9 percent or $\$ 2.5$ million.

The increase in the trade deficit is mainly as a result of the decline in the value of exports when compared to the $\$ 0.5$ million increase in the value of imports. Given the current projected growth in the construction sector of the TCl economy, as a result of the rebuilding exercise currently taking place and the attraction of new direct investment opportunities coupled with the lack of a more diversified group of exports, it is likely that the trade imbalance will continue to increase in the foreseeable future. Negative trade balance were recorded on all categories of goods.

Food and live animals were the largest source of imports during the period under review, amounting to $\$ 64.2$ million, or 22.2 percent of imports. Machinery and Transport equipment, were the second largest expenditure, amounting to $\$ 60$ million, or 20.7 percent of total imports. Motor vehicles imports increased by 0.6 percent during the first nine months of this year when compared to the same period last year. This undoubtedly reflects the significant increase in used motor vehicles from Asia. Motor vehicles imports at the Grand Turk Port increase by 10.6 percent whereas motor vehicles to the Providenciales South Dock Port decreased by 0.3 percent. This is also reflected in motor vehicle license fees which increased by 22 percent during the period under review. However, duties from overall imports decreased by a 5.5 percent.

Given the performance of Merchandise trade during the first nine months of this year, and the increase in merchandise imports as a result of the two recent hurricanes, it is forecasted that imports will increase by more than 10 percent for the 2017 calendar year.

## Imports of Motor Vehicles for the period January to September: 2015-2017p.



Balance of Trade
Direction of Trade for the Period July to September: 2016-2017.

| Month | 2016 |  |  | 2017 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Imports | Exports | Balance of Trade | Imports | Exports | Balance of Trade |
| July | 33,768,778 | 53,009 | $(33,715,769)$ | 35,100,269 | 261,407 | $(34,838,862)$ |
| August | 34,384,520 | 14,358 | $(34,370,162)$ | 35,440,613 | 139,128 | $(35,301,485)$ |
| September | 29,146,648 | 429,417 | $(28,717,231)$ | 9,071,648 | 0 | $(9,071,648)$ |
| Total | 97,299,945 | 496,784 | $(96,803,161)$ | 79,612,530 | 400,535 | (79,211,995) |

Value of Exports by Month for the Period: July- September: 2015-2017.

| Year | Month |  |  | Total | Percentage Change (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July | Aug | Sept. |  |  |
| 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 53,009 | 14,358 | 429,417 | 496,784 |  |
| 2017 | 261,407 | 139,128 | 0 | 400,535 | (19.4) |

[^0]Value of Imports by Month for the Period July - September: 2001-2017.

| Year | Month |  |  | Total | (\%) Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July | August | September |  |  |
| 2001 | 14,384,473 | 12,015,991 | 11,071,301 | 37,471,765 | 2.21 |
| 2002 | 13,226,867 | 11,798,357 | 14,554,070 | 39,579,294 | 5.62 |
| 2003 | 13,556,514 | 11,493,832 | 13,388,680 | 38,439,026 | (2.88) |
| 2004 | 19,010,532 | 19,974,180 | 16,101,852 | 55,086,564 | 43.31 |
| 2005 | 20,842,139 | 24,594,169 | 24,198,684 | 69,634,992 | 26.41 |
| 2006 | 77,206,245 | 38,277,865 | 38,094,620 | 153,578,730 | 120.55 |
| 2007 | 57,276,208 | 46,112,004 | 40,209,840 | 143,598,052 | (6.50) |
| 2008 | 53,091,107 | 44,231,868 | 36,935,295 | 134,258,270 | (6.50) |
| 2009 | 28,810,925 | 27,704,814 | 27,676,213 | 84,191,952 | (37.29) |
| 2010 | 24,520,668 | 15,110,646 | 23,889,134 | 63,520,448 | (24.55) |
| 2011 | 28,385,135 | 24,958,205 | 24,418,914 | 77,762,254 | 22.42 |
| 2012 | 27,238,909 | 22,591,222 | 25,328,087 | 75,158,218 | (3.35) |
| 2013r | 31,468,278 | 26,733,198 | 26,077,137 | 84,278,613 | 12.13 |
| 2014 | 34,879,245 | 29,999,328 | 36,664,681 | 101,543,254 | 20.49 |
| 2015r | 39,887,886 | 31,060,166 | 30,282,659 | 101,230,711 | (0.31) |
| 2016 | 33,768,778 | 34,384,520 | 29,146,648 | 97,299,946 | (3.88) |
| 2017 | 35,100,269 | 35,440,613 | 9,071,648 | 79,612,530 | (18.18) |



Merchandise Imports for the Period July to September: 2002- 2017.

| Year | Total Imports (US\$) | Annual Dollar Change in Imports (US\$) | Annual Percentage Change (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2003 | 38,439,026 | $(1,140,268)$ | (2.9) |
| 2004 | 55,086,564 | 16,647,538 | 43.3 |
| 2005 | 69,634,992 | 14,548,428 | 26.4 |
| 2006 | 153,578,730 | 83,943,738 | 120.5 |
| 2007 | 143,598,052 | $(9,980,678)$ | (6.5) |
| 2008 | 134,258,270 | $(9,339,782)$ | (6.5) |
| 2009 | 84,191,952 | $(50,066,318)$ | (37.3) |
| 2010 | 63,520,448 | $(20,671,504)$ | (24.6) |
| 2011 | 77,762,254 | 14,241,806 | 22.4 |
| 2012 | 75,158,218 | $(2,604,036)$ | (3.3) |
| 2013 | 84,278,613 | 9,120,395 | 12.1 |
| 2014 | 101,543,254 | 17,264,641 | 20.5 |
| 2015 | 101,230,711 | $(312,543)$ | (0.3) |
| 2016 | 97,299,946 | $(3,930,765)$ | (3.9) |
| 2017 | 79,612,530 | $(17,687,416)$ | (18.2) |

Merchandise Imports for the Period July to September: 2003-2017.


| Vehicle Impor 2015-2017p. |  |  |  |  | Providenciales Vehicle Imports for Ju-2015-2017p. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Month | 2015 | 2016 | 2017p | (\% <br> Change) | Month | 2015 | 2016 | 2017p | (\% <br> Change) |
| July | 18 | 11 | 33 | 200.0 | July | 168 | 101 | 218 | 115.8 |
| August | 41 | 12 | 0 | (100.0) | August | 445 | 228 | 152 | (33.3) |
| September | 14 | 27 | 18 | (33.3) | September | 134 | 126 | 46 | (63.5) |
| Total | 73 | 50 | 51 | 2.0 | Total | 747 | 455 | 416 | (8.6) |

Revenue collected from Motor Vehicle License for the Period July to September: 2016 -

| Month | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | \% Change (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| July | 155,784 | 166,591 | 6.9 |
| August | 139,784 | 215,002 | 53.8 |
| September | 175,335 | 33,353 | $(81.0)$ |
| Total |  |  | $(11.9)$ |

Revenue Collected from Selected International Trade Items for the Period July to Septem-2016-2017.

| Month | Fuel Tax |  |  | Customs Processing Fee |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2017 | \% Change | 2016 | 2017 | \% Change |
| July | 942,916 | 767,775 | (18.6) | 2,381,427 | 2,626,595 | 10.3 |
| August | 873,595 | 858,097 | (1.8) | 2,714,403 | 2,557,238 | (5.8) |
| September | 714,031 | 77,760 | (89.1) | 2,158,522 | 678,557 | (68.6) |
| Total | 2,530,542 | 1,703,632 | (32.7) | 7,254,352 | 5,862,390 | (19.2) |

Source: Treasury

Balance of Trade
Direction of Trade for the Period January to September: 2016-2017.

| Month 2016 | 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Imports | Exports | Balance of Trade | Imports | Exports | Balance of Trade |


| January | $30,892,077$ | 162,126 | $(30,729,951)$ | $33,846,588$ | 311,809 | $(33,534,779)$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| February | $31,139,817$ | 212,849 | $(30,926,968)$ | $30,509,092$ | 142,130 | $(30,366,962)$ |
| March | $29,840,761$ | 271,663 | $(29,569,098)$ | $37,163,824$ | 273,889 | $(36,889,935)$ |
| April | $31,866,032$ | 248,139 | $(31,617,893)$ | $32,341,802$ | 244,347 | $(32,097,455)$ |
| May | $31,809,468$ | $1,862,363$ | $(29,947,105)$ | $40,120,758$ | 35,601 | $(40,085,157)$ |
| June | $34,680,329$ | 193,711 | $(34,486,618)$ | $34,318,806$ | 53,662 | $(34,265,144)$ |
| July | $33,768,778$ | 53,009 | $(33,715,769)$ | $35,100,269$ | 261,407 | $(34,838,862)$ |
| August | $34,384,520$ | 14,358 | $(34,370,162)$ | $35,440,613$ | 139,128 | $(35,301,485)$ |
| September | $29,146,648$ | 429,417 | $(28,717,231)$ | $9,153,440$ | 0 | $(9,153,440)$ |


| Total | $287,528,430$ | $3,447,634$ | $(284,080,795)$ | $287,995,191$ | $1,461,973$ | $(286,533,219)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Value of Exports by Month for the Period: January - September: 2015 - 2017.

| Year | Month |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Percentage <br> Change (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept. |  |  |
| 2015 | 142,934 | 53,319 | 726,800 | 345,544 | 187,550 | 646,234 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 162,126 | 212,849 | 271,663 | 248,139 | 1,862,363 | 193,711 | 53,009 | 14,358 | 429,417 | 3,447,634 |  |
| 2017 | 311,809 | 142,130 | 273,889 | 244,347 | 35,601 | 53,662 | 261,407 | 139,128 | 0 | 1,461,973 | (57.6) |

Source: Customs Department
Value of Imports by Month for the Period: January - September 2001-2017.

| Year | Month |  |  |  |  |  | July | August | September |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | January | February | March | April | May | June |  |  |  |
| 2001 | 17,737,975 | 11,670,177 | 13,135,100 | 12,745,110 | 14,056,884 | 13,807,666 | 14,384,473 | 12,015,991 | 11,071,301 |
| 2002 | 12,720,478 | 12,014,432 | 11,366,568 | 12,579,783 | 12,416,340 | 10,961,348 | 13,226,867 | 11,798,357 | 14,554,070 |
| 2003 | 11,690,715 | 18,889,254 | 14,024,219 | 14,245,738 | 14,002,077 | 13,435,246 | 13,556,514 | 11,493,832 | 13,388,680 |
| 2004 | 14,512,744 | 19,208,114 | 17,915,596 | 16,957,023 | 16,781,906 | 18,790,565 | 19,010,532 | 19,974,180 | 16,101,852 |
| 2005 | 22,233,816 | 23,560,627 | 24,985,824 | 26,945,540 | 22,983,731 | 25,030,636 | 20,842,139 | 24,594,169 | 24,198,684 |
| 2006 | 44,610,946 | 35,059,498 | 45,225,220 | 52,925,459 | 55,018,403 | 44,796,678 | 77,206,245 | 38,277,865 | 38,094,620 |
| 2008 | 49,424,436 | 44,562,457 | 52,916,943 | 63,050,138 | 54,699,104 | 47,701,485 | 53,091,107 | 44,231,868 | 36,935,295 |
| 2009 | 38,642,437 | 31,696,148 | 34,718,010 | 33,275,102 | 31,954,867 | 36,267,554 | 28,810,925 | 27,704,814 | 27,676,213 |
| 2010 | 27,498,193 | 23,348,573 | 28,800,367 | 28,955,734 | 23,329,987 | 22,033,291 | 24,520,668 | 15,110,646 | 23,889,134 |
| 2011 | 30,551,032 | 28,052,744 | 17,229,090 | 20,571,775 | 25,896,951 | 25,728,520 | 28,385,135 | 24,958,205 | 24,418,914 |
| 2012 | 32,068,905 | 29,921,072 | 29,078,733 | 26,411,837 | 28,136,680 | 24,731,128 | 30,115,147 | 24,273,810 | 24,345,614 |
| 2013r | 30,758,897 | 24,826,452 | 29,057,289 | 32,470,364 | 29,184,053 | 25,176,214 | 31,468,278 | 26,733,198 | 26,077,137 |
| 2014 | 31,493,884 | 29,211,106 | 32,990,070 | 33,629,099 | 32,983,336 | 31,398,063 | 35,676,517 | 30,361,745 | 37,136,605 |
| 2015r | 36,523,063 | 28,917,962 | 37,265,809 | 39,714,684 | 33,418,012 | 32,055,398 | 39,887,886 | 31,060,166 | 30,282,659 |
| 2016 | 30,892,077 | 31,139,817 | 29,840,761 | 31,866,032 | 31,809,468 | 34,680,329 | 33,768,778 | 34,384,520 | 29,146,648 |
| 2017 | 33,846,588 | 30,509,092 | 37,163,824 | 32,366,563 | 40,120,758 | 34,321,044 | 35,110,269 | 35,440,613 | 9,071,648 |



## Value of Imports by Ports for the Period January to September: 2016-2017.

| PORTS | Imports 2016 | Imports 2017 | Percentage Change (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Grand Turk Airport and <br> Sea Port | $21,437,464$ |  |  |
| Provo International <br> Airport <br> Providenciales South <br> Dock <br> South Caicos Harbour <br> Port | $22,711,170$ | $22,919,799$ | 6.9 |
| Total | $239,025,324$ | $240,018,427$ | $(0.3)$ |

Imports by Ports for the Period January to September: 2016


■ Grand Turk Airport and Sea Port $\square$ Provo International Airport
$\square$ Providenciales South Dock $\quad$ South Caicos Harbour Port

Imports by Ports for the Period January to September: 2017


Grand Turk Airport and Sea Port

■ Providenciales South Dock


Merchandise Imports for the Period January to September: 2002- 2017.

| Year | Total Imports (US\$) | Annual Dollar Change in Imports (US\$) | Annual Percentage Change (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2003 | 124,726,275 | יויויו | ..... |
| 2004 | 155,404,929 | 30,678,654 | 24.6 |
| 2005 | 215,375,166 | 59,970,237 | 38.6 |
| 2006 | 372,908,775 | 157,533,609 | 73.1 |
| 2007 | 421,234,256 | 48,325,481 | 13.0 |
| 2008 | 446,612,833 | 25,378,577 | 6.0 |
| 2009 | 290,746,070 | $(155,866,763)$ | (34.9) |
| 2010 | 217,486,593 | $(73,259,477)$ | (25.2) |
| 2011 | 225,792,366 | 8,305,773 | 3.8 |
| 2012 | 245,506,573 | 19,714,207 | 8.7 |
| 2013 | 255,751,882 | 10,245,309 | 4.2 |
| 2014 | 293,248,813 | 37,496,931 | 14.7 |
| 2015 | 309,125,648 | 15,876,836 | 5.4 |
| 2016 | 287,528,430 | $(21,597,218)$ | (7.0) |
| 2017 | 287,995,191 | 466,762 | 0.2 |

Merchandise Imports for the Period January to September: 2003-2017.


## Grand Turk Vehicle Imports for the

| Month $2015 \quad 2016 \quad 2017 p$ | (\% <br> Change) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| January | 18 | 25 | 13 | $(48.0)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| February | 11 | 32 | 55 | 71.9 |
| March | 18 | 24 | 44 | 83.3 |
| April | 21 | 9 | 17 | 88.9 |
| May | 36 | 68 | 27 | $(60.3)$ |
| June | 76 | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| July | 18 | 11 | 33 | 200.0 |
| August | 41 | 12 | 0 | $(100.0)$ |
| September | 14 | 27 | 18 | $(33.3)$ |

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Total } & 253 & 208 & 230 & 10.6\end{array}$

Providenciales Vehicle Imports for the period: Jan. to Sept. 2015-2017p.


| February | 69 | 127 | 138 | 8.7 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| March | 87 | 194 | 109 | $(43.8)$ |


| April | 258 | 115 | 231 | 100.9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

May $176302 \quad 290$
June $226178 \quad 145$ (18.5)

| July | 168 | 101 | 218 | 115.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

August $445228 \quad 152$

September $134126 \quad 46$

| Total | 1,787 | 1,464 | 1459 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Revenue collected from Motor Vehicle License for the Period January to September:

| Month | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | \% Change (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| January | 637,433 | $1,097,932$ | 72.2 |
| February | 292,996 | 363,516 | 24.1 |
| March | 235,295 | 300,036 | 27.5 |
| April | 218,384 | 171,106 | $(21.6)$ |
| May | 220,972 | 201,227 | $(8.9)$ |
| June | 177,510 | 199,961 | 12.6 |
| July | 155,784 | 166,591 | 6.9 |
| August | 139,784 | 215,002 | 53.8 |
| September | 175,335 | 33,353 | $(81.0)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total | $2,253,493$ | $2,748,724$ | 22.0 |

Revenue Collected from Selected International Trade Items for the Period January to 2016-2017.

| Month | Fuel Tax |  |  | Customs Processing Fee |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2017 | \% Change | 2016 | 2017 | \% Change |
| January | 1,034,608 | 913,310 | (11.7) | 2,258,875 | 2,695,463 | 19.3 |
| February | 701,849 | 661,651 | (5.7) | 2,313,412 | 2,107,282 | (8.9) |
| March | 824,416 | 1,218,633 | 47.8 | 2,311,327 | 2,809,124 | 21.5 |
| April | 984,001 | 765,415 | (22.2) | 2,296,178 | 2,392,411 | 4.2 |
| May | 726,221 | 851,392 | 17.2 | 2,358,749 | 2,779,672 | 17.8 |
| June | 863,462 | 838,265 | (2.9) | 2,285,187 | 2,540,666 | 11.2 |
| July | 942,916 | 767,775 | (18.6) | 2,381,427 | 2,626,595 | 10.3 |
| August | 873,595 | 858,097 | (1.8) | 2,714,403 | 2,557,238 | (5.8) |
| September | 714,031 | 77,760 | (89.1) | 2,158,522 | 678,557 | (68.6) |
| Total | 7,665,099 | 6,952,298 | (9.3) | 21,078,080 | 21,187,008 | 0.5 |

Revenue Collected from Imports Duties for the Period January to September: 2010-2017.

| Month | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 4,920,659 | 3,911,662 | 4,144,171 | 4,884,819 | 4,460,019 | 5,006,149 | 5,256,602 | 6,259,954 |
| February | 3,626,167 | 3,906,314 | 4,042,185 | 3,379,731 | 4,514,195 | 5,060,390 | 5,452,757 | 4,856,583 |
| March | 4,646,937 | 3,655,505 | 4,604,216 | 4,269,500 | 4,599,686 | 5,977,348 | 5,870,057 | 6,425,263 |
| April | 3,403,930 | 3,708,110 | 3,811,504 | 4,348,334 | 5,574,650 | 5,782,599 | 5,721,465 | 5,747,522 |
| May | 3,941,270 | 3,431,878 | 4,131,791 | 4,380,148 | 4,814,027 | 5,333,598 | 6,146,836 | 6,015,504 |
| June | 3,766,039 | 3,736,957 | 3,601,049 | 4,264,415 | 4,386,740 | 5,554,644 | 5,203,204 | 5,569,753 |
| July | 3,858,360 | 3,589,650 | 4,077,589 | 4,022,815 | 5,243,111 | 5,527,233 | 5,640,419 | 5,370,120 |
| August | 3,141,465 | 3,372,931 | 3,825,451 | 3,884,230 | 4,373,769 | 5,685,762 | 5,894,123 | 5,718,970 |
| September | 2,661,872 | 3,097,240 | 2,780,112 | 3,245,365 | 4,335,900 | 5,144,814 | 4,859,482 | 1,335,383 |
| Total | 33,966,699 | 32,410,247 | 35,018,068 | 36,679,357 | 42,302,097 | 49,072,537 | 50,044,945 | 47,299,052 |

Percentage Breakdown of Revenue Collected from Imports for the Period January to

| Month | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 14.5 | 12.1 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 13.2 |
| February | 10.7 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 9.2 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 10.9 | 10.3 |
| March | 13.7 | 11.3 | 13.1 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 12.2 | 11.7 | 13.6 |
| April | 10.0 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 13.2 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 12.2 |
| May | 11.6 | 10.6 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 12.3 | 12.7 |
| June | 11.1 | 11.5 | 10.3 | 11.6 | 10.4 | 11.3 | 10.4 | 11.8 |
| July | 11.4 | 11.1 | 11.6 | 11.0 | 12.4 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.4 |
| August | 9.2 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 12.1 |
| September | 7.8 | 9.6 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 9.7 | 2.8 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Merchandise Imports by SITC Sections for the Period January to September: 2015-2017.

| S.I.T.C. SECTIONS | 2016 | 2017 | Percentage Change (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ALL SECTIONS | 287,528,430 | 287,995,191 | 0.2 |
| 0 Food | 64,640,571 | 64,211,562 | (0.7) |
| 1 Beverages and Tobacco | 13,080,693 | 12,548,326 | (4.1) |
| 2 Crude Materials, Inedible except fuels | 7,796,464 | 8,512,094 | 9.2 |
| 3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants \& related Materials | 43,612,093 | 48,509,657 | 11.2 |
| 4 Animals and Vegetable Oils and Fats | 1,066,915 | 1,144,992 | 7.3 |
| 5 Chemicals | 18,289,982 | 17,371,369 | (5.0) |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by Materials | 39,235,446 | 38,084,398 | (2.9) |
| 7 Machinery and Transport Equipment | 59,589,912 | 59,651,315 | 0.1 |
| 8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles | 40,200,136 | 37,958,647 | (5.6) |
| 9 Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities | 16,217 | 2,831 | (82.5) |



Imports by SITC: Jan to Sept 2016


Imports by SITC: Jan to Sept 2017.


## Value of Imports of Selected Construction Materials for the Period January to Septem-2014-2017.

| COMMODITY GROUP | January - September |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Silica sands and quartz sands |  |  | 49,958 | 101,193 |
| Sand |  |  | 542,091 | 411,387 |
| Pebbles gravel broken or crushed |  |  | 528,548 | 431,175 |
| Portland Cement White cement whether or not artificially coloured |  |  | 420,948 | 232,067 |
| Building cement (grey) |  |  | 739,051 | 1,078,097 |
| Toughguard |  |  | - | - |
| Other |  |  | 691,196 | 553,823 |
| Aluminous cement |  |  | 14,122 | 529 |
| Other hydraulic cements |  |  | 14,265 | 96,750 |
| Building blocks and bricks |  |  | 259,783 | 359,576 |
| Other |  |  | 44,878 | 28,132 |
| Building bricks |  |  | 0 | 950 |
| Other of free cutting steel |  |  | 121,827 | 3,537 |
| Of circular cross section measuring less tha n 14 mm in diameter |  |  | 42,237 | 15 |
| Other |  |  | 664,402 | 885,241 |
| Total |  |  | 4,133,306 | 4,182,472 |

Source: Customs Department

## Merchandise Imports Performance for the Calendar Years: 2001-2016.

| Year | Imports | Total Exports | Total Merchandise <br> Trade | GDP in Current <br> Prices (\$) | Merchandise <br> Imports to GDP <br> $(\%)$ | Merchandise <br> Exports to GDP <br> $(\%)$ | Merchandise <br> Trade \% of <br> GDP |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | $156,808,733$ | $7,285,904$ | $164,094,637$ | $358,744,802$ | 43.7 | 2.0 | 45.7 |
| 2002 | $177,464,386$ | $8,706,866$ | $186,171,252$ | $366,707,912$ | 48.4 | 2.4 | 50.8 |
| 2003 | $170,685,188$ | $9,847,368$ | $180,532,556$ | $409,753,640$ | 41.7 | 2.4 | 44.1 |
| 2004 | $220,409,976$ | $12,131,986$ | $232,541,962$ | $485,598,806$ | 45.4 | 2.5 | 47.9 |
| 2005 | $303,720,602$ | $14,715,984$ | $318,436,586$ | $578,645,758$ | 52.5 | 2.5 | 55.0 |
| 2006 | $497,761,708$ | $17,610,457$ | $515,372,165$ | $721,891,473$ | 69.0 | 2.4 | 71.4 |
| 2007 | $580,593,758$ | $16,256,306$ | $596,850,064$ | $773,489,744$ | 75.1 | 2.1 | 77.2 |
| 2008 | $591,251,785$ | $24,769,254$ | $616,021,039$ | $862,683,634$ | 68.5 | 2.9 | 71.4 |
| 2009 | $375,426,516$ | $20,757,912$ | $396,184,428$ | $703,175,747$ | 53.4 | 3.0 | 56.3 |
| 2010 | $302,024,777$ | $15,583,764$ | $317,608,541$ | $686,787,814$ | 44.0 | 2.3 | 46.2 |
| 2011 | $318,144,975$ | $14,766,589$ | $332,911,564$ | $728,789,574$ | 43.7 | 2.0 | 45.7 |
| 2012 | $343,691,735$ | $14,830,261$ | $358,521,996$ | $715,722,768$ | 48.0 | 2.1 | 50.1 |
| 2013 | $345,023,306$ | $5,921,451$ | $350,944,757$ | $740,776,770$ | 46.6 | 0.8 | 47.4 |
| 2014 | $406,246,715$ | $6,494,565$ | $412,741,280$ | $823,968,142$ | 49.3 | 0.8 | 50.1 |
| 2015 | $409,655,053$ | $4,645,879$ | $414,300,932$ | $893,501,649$ | 45.8 | 0.5 | 46.4 |
| 2016 | $389,282,866$ | $4,484,707$ | $393,767,573$ | $950,357,512$ | 41.0 | 0.5 | 41.4 |


[^0]:    Source: Customs Department

