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Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)

Overview

For the second consecutive quarter, the total value of imports to the Cayman Islands increased, this time by 15.2 percent to reach \$254.00 million compared to \$220.53 million a year ago (see Chart 1). The value of *petroleum and petroleum related products* rose during the quarter by 23.2 percent to reach \$37.50 million. *Non-petroleum* products increased by 13.9 percent, amounting to \$216.50 million.

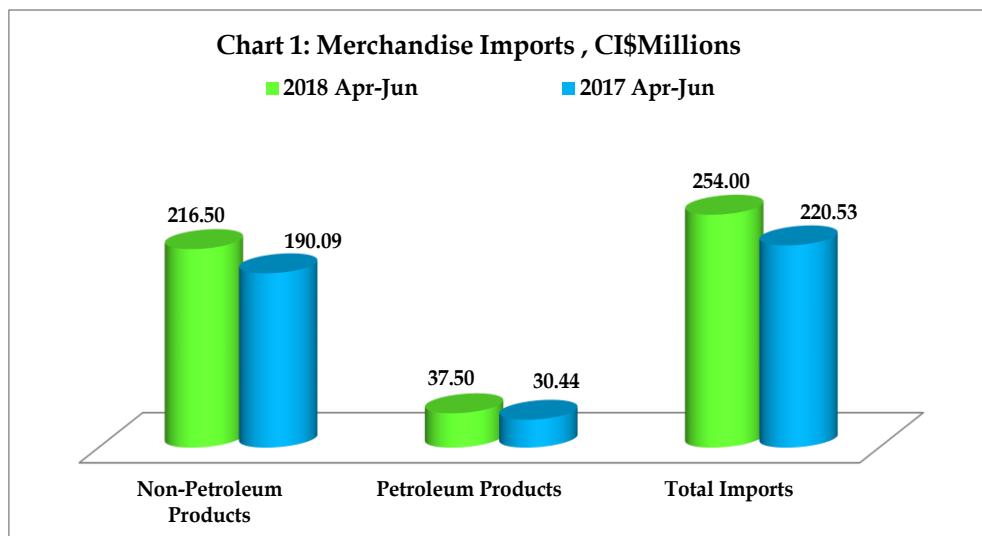
The second quarter imports bring the total cumulative value of imports for the first six months of the year to \$500.66 million, 12.1 percent higher than a year ago. *Petroleum and petroleum related products* increased by 23.5 percent while *non-petroleum* products grew by 10.5 percent. The latter growth resulted from an increase in several categories led by *miscellaneous manufactured articles* and chemical related products.

Imports by category

For the quarter ending June 2018, seven of the eight major non-petroleum import categories recorded increases in total value.

Miscellaneous manufactured articles grew by 16.7 percent to \$45.26 million for the June 2018 quarter. This growth reflected increased importation of *professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus* (54.3%), *articles of apparel and clothing accessories* (12.4%) and *miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s* (38.0%).

Machinery and transport equipment increased by 10.9 percent to \$53.56 million. This was driven by larger imports of *telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing equipment* (87.9%), *electrical machinery apparatus and appliances* (21.89%) and *other transport equipment* (60.53%).



Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)

Chemicals and related products n.e.s also recorded growth with increased imports of *dyeing tanning and colouring materials* (156.0%), *plastics* (104.3%) and *Medicinal & pharmaceutical products* (23.8%) as the major contributors.

Food and live animals grew by 6.4 percent for the review quarter. This was primarily due to the larger importation of *cereal and cereal preparations* (38.6%), *vegetables and fruit* (11.3%), and *fish* (40.6%).

Beverages and tobacco imports expanded by 30.0 percent or \$2.13 million for the second quarter of the year. This growth is due primarily from the rise in imports of *beverages* by 26.5 percent or \$1.67 million with alcoholic beverages recording an increase of 22.0 percent to reach \$5.5 million. A 58.0 percent growth in imports of *tobacco* related items was also recorded.

Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials rose by 4.5 percent this quarter to reach \$28.42 million. The major items with the highest increases in this category were *non-ferrous metals* (122.8%); *paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp* (63.7%); and *textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s* (58.8%). Importation of *iron and steel* also recorded an increase of 58.6 percent for the June 2018 quarter over the corresponding quarter of 2017.

However, *crude materials, inedible, except fuels* fell by 7.2 percent due to reduced imports of *cork and wood* (27.3%) and *textile fibres* (194.0%).

Petroleum & related products imports grew by 23.2 percent for the June 2018 quarter largely on account of the increase in the prices of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel in the international market.

Table 1. Merchandise Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)(Rev 4), CI\$Millions, April - June

Section	2018	2017	% Change
Food and live animals ¹	45.51	42.77	6.4%
Beverages and tobacco	9.23	7.10	30.0%
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.21	4.54	-7.2%
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	18.40	15.18	21.2%
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	28.42	27.19	4.5%
Machinery and transport equipment	53.56	48.31	10.9%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	45.26	38.78	16.7%
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	11.90	6.22	91.5%
Non-Petroleum Products	216.50	190.09	13.9%
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*	37.50	30.44	23.2%
Total	254.00	220.53	15.2%

* Also referred to as petroleum and related oils

¹ Includes animal & vegetable oils, fats and waxes

Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)

In the first six months of 2018, the value of imported non-petroleum products grew by 10.5 percent bringing the year to date total to \$431.83 million compared to \$390.83 million for the same period of 2017.

Imports of *miscellaneous manufactured articles* increased by 20.8 percent to \$98.02 million. Increased imports of *professional, scientific and controlling instruments* (112.7%), *articles of apparel and clothing accessories* (12.8%) and *miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s* (38.9%) dominated this category in the first half of 2018.

Chemicals and related products, n.e.s increased by 34.3 percent year to date, with *dyeing, tanning and colouring materials* increasing by 136.8 percent. *Chemical materials and products, n.e.s* grew by 79.0 percent. Imports of *medicinal and pharmaceutical products* also grew by 28.0 percent.

Food and live animals recorded a growth for the calendar year to June by 7.6 percent, through increased imports of *vegetables and fruit* (36.7%), *meat and meat preparations* (23.1%), dairy products (24.0%) and cereals (15.1%). *Miscellaneous edible products* which contains unclassified food items, declined by 34.5 percent for the January to June 2018 period.

Beverages and tobacco imports increased by 30.4 percent. Tobacco and tobacco manufactured products grew substantially for the period, increasing by 88.2 percent. Importation of beer, table wines and other alcoholic, and non-alcoholic beverages recorded growth of 22.5 percent for the first six months of 2018 over the corresponding period of 2017.

Machinery and transport equipment grew by 2.3 percent for the review period. This reflected increased imports of *telecommunications equipment* and *general industrial machinery and equipment* by 39.1 and 26.9 percent, respectively. However, these increases were partially offset by reductions in the importation of *road vehicles* and *power-generating machinery and equipment* by 13.4 and 46.3 percent, respectively, for the period.

In contrast to the above categories, *crude materials, inedible, except fuels* also recorded an overall decline by 1.9 percent for the period under review. This reflected reduced importation of crude fertilizers and textile fibres by 14.6 percent and 63.6 percent, respectively.

The total value of imported *petroleum and petroleum related products* grew by 23.5 percent to \$68.83 million. This occurred as a result of an increase in the average prices of petroleum products in the international market.

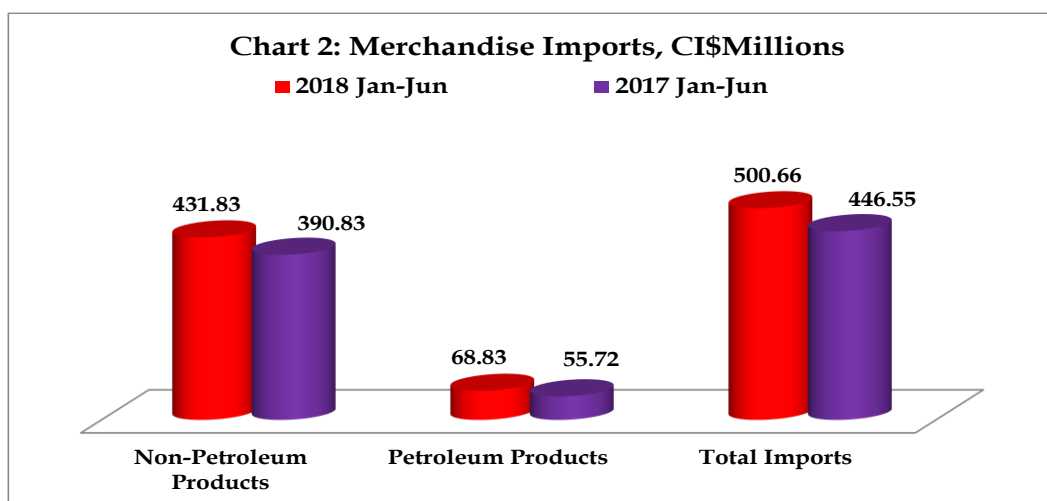


Table 2. Merchandise Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)(Rev 4), CI\$Millions, January- June

Section	2018	2017	%
			<i>Change</i>
Food and live animals ¹	92.56	86.06	7.6%
Beverages and tobacco	20.64	15.83	30.4%
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.37	8.53	-1.9%
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	36.30	27.03	34.3%
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	54.09	53.80	0.5%
Machinery and transport equipment	99.48	97.26	2.3%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	98.02	81.13	20.8%
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	22.37	21.19	5.6%
Non-Petroleum Products	431.83	390.83	10.5%
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*	68.83	55.72	23.5%
Total	500.66	446.55	12.1%

* Also referred to as petroleum and related oils

¹ Includes animal & vegetable oils, fats and waxes

Imports by Countries of Origin

For the June 2018 quarter, imports from the USA grew by 16.2 percent to reach \$221.88 million compared to \$190.87 million recorded for the same period in 2017. This reflects increased importation of various categories, particularly machinery and food.

Imports from Canada had a major increase of 332.1 percent which is traced primarily to the imports of iron and steel.

Imports from Switzerland also reflected strong growth of 159.2 percent for the June 2018 quarter, which was mainly due to the increased importation of watches.

Jamaica's exports to the Cayman Islands went up by 19.2 percent which emanated from a growth in the importation of food and live animals during the review quarter.

For the first six months of 2018, imports from the USA stood at \$431.12 million, a growth of 13.6 percent. This outturn significantly mirrors the performance of the June quarter.

Imports from Switzerland, Canada, and Jamaica recorded increases of 443.2 percent, 123.7 percent and 81.7 percent, respectively, which reflected the performance for the June 2018 quarter.

The increase in imports from Panama by 39.2 percent primarily reflected the increased importation of wearing apparel and printing machinery accessories.

However, there was a reduction in imports from Japan by 9.8 percent primarily imports of passenger vehicles. Although there was growth in the June quarter, this was not sufficient to offset the larger decline for the March 2018 quarter.

TABLE 3. Imports by Country of Origin, CI\$Million, April-June			
Country	2018	2017	% change
United States	221.88	190.87	16.2%
Jamaica	6.62	5.55	19.2%
Japan	4.20	3.98	5.6%
United Kingdom	2.80	1.67	67.8%
South Korea	1.00	1.32	-23.8%
Cuba	0.43	0.28	57.9%
Canada	2.11	0.49	332.1%
Switzerland	1.15	0.44	159.2%
Germany	1.46	1.03	40.9%
Panama	0.76	0.44	75.1%
Mexico	1.31	1.22	7.8%
Others	10.27	13.26	-22.6%
TOTAL IMPORTS	254.00	220.53	15.2%

TABLE 4. Imports by Country of Origin, CI\$Million, January - June			
Country	2018	2017	% change
United States	431.12	379.56	13.6%
Jamaica	14.34	7.89	81.7%
Japan	6.60	7.32	-9.8%
United Kingdom	5.48	4.98	10.1%
South Korea	2.77	2.69	3.3%
Cuba	0.98	0.71	38.1%
Canada	2.91	1.30	123.7%
Switzerland	3.19	0.59	443.2%
Germany	2.52	1.87	34.4%
Panama	1.88	1.35	39.2%
Mexico	3.52	2.06	70.8%
Others	25.34	36.23	-30.0%
TOTAL IMPORTS	500.66	446.55	12.1%

Imports by Broad Economic Categories

Analysis of imports by **broad economic categories (BEC)** or final use show that all of the major categories increased for the June 2018 quarter.

Consumer goods not elsewhere specified increased by 16.4 percent compared to the previous corresponding period. This was primarily due to the growth in imports of *semi-durable* goods by 41.8 percent.

The 31.5 percent growth in imports of *capital goods* was driven by increased importation of machinery, communications apparatus and office furniture.

Additionally, imports of *industrial supplies* rose by 15.2 percent arising from higher imports of cement, asphalt and iron and steel.

The higher importation of *food and beverages* was seen across all categories, particularly primary food mainly for household consumption, which grew by \$1.8 million or 16.8 percent.

Table 5a. Merchandise Imports by Broad Economic Classification (BEC) (Rev 4)

CIS\$ 000, April-June

Broad Economic Categories	2018	2017	%Chg
1.1 Food and beverages	51,944.60	48,336.23	7.5%
11. Primary	13,399.17	11,466.62	16.9%
111. Mainly for industry	863.24	738.27	16.9%
112. Mainly for household consumption	12,535.92	10,728.35	16.8%
12. Processed	38,545.43	36,869.61	4.5%
121. Mainly for industry	2,076.93	1,697.24	22.4%
122. Mainly for household consumption	36,468.50	35,172.37	3.7%
2. Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	48,485.05	42,092.65	15.2%
21. Primary	2,267.16	3,562.50	-36.4%
22. Processed	46,217.89	38,530.15	20.0%
3. Fuels and lubricants	37,330.68	30,275.80	23.3%
31. Primary	432.63	202.20	114.0%
32. Processed	36,898.05	30,073.60	22.7%
321. Motor spirit	36,179.93	29,240.12	23.7%
322. Other	718.12	833.48	-13.8%
4. Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	31,566.50	27,167.37	16.2%
41. Capital goods (except transport equipment)	23,534.65	17,891.85	31.5%
42. Parts and accessories	8,031.85	9,275.53	-13.4%
5. Transport equipment, and parts and accessories thereof	23,445.01	22,142.04	5.9%
51. Passenger motor cars	9,979.38	12,567.82	-20.6%
52. Other	7,292.39	5,852.90	24.6%
521. Industrial	3,055.37	3,719.56	-17.9%
522. Non-industrial	4,237.02	2,133.35	98.6%
53. Parts and accessories	6,173.24	3,721.32	65.9%
6. Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	52,223.25	44,856.08	16.4%
61. Durable	13,836.84	13,510.19	2.4%
62. Semi-durable	22,425.86	15,813.87	41.8%
63. Non-durable	15,960.56	15,532.03	2.8%
7. Goods not elsewhere specified	9,007.73	5,664.50	59.0%
TOTAL	254,002.83	220,534.67	15.2%

Imports by Broad Economic Categories

For the first half of 2018, all of the broad economic categories except *transport equipment and parts* and *goods not elsewhere classified* showed increases compared to the first half of 2017. Fuel and lubricants rose by 23.3 percent, driven by the higher price of fuel.

Consumer goods not elsewhere specified increased by 19.8 percent which was due to increases in all sub-categories especially imports of *semi-durable* goods by 49.3 percent, such as clothing, table, kitchen and other household articles, and footwear.

Food and beverages imports grew by 8.2 percent, which reflected higher purchases of primary food

and beverage mainly for household consumption, which increased by 30.0 percent. Processed food and beverages grew by 0.6 percent, driven by the 32.7 percent growth in food for industry.

Capital goods imports (except transport equipment) increased by 10.3 percent, reflecting the increased imports in machinery for the period under review. However, there was a reduction in parts and accessories by 14.3 percent.

The overall decline in *transport equipment and parts and accessories* in the first half of 2018 is traced to reductions in the importation of passenger motor vehicles and industrial transport equipment.

Table 5b. Merchandise Imports by Broad Economic Classification (BEC) (Rev 4)
CI\$ 000's, January-June

Broad Economic Categories	2018	2017	%Chg
1.1 Food and beverages	106,744.18	98,672.06	8.2%
11. Primary	31,046.20	23,408.27	32.6%
111. Mainly for industry	1,920.79	996.32	92.8%
112. Mainly for household consumption	29,125.41	22,411.95	30.0%
12. Processed	75,697.97	75,263.78	0.6%
121. Mainly for industry	4,328.94	3,261.46	32.7%
122. Mainly for household consumption	71,369.04	72,002.32	-0.9%
2. Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	94,295.09	79,636.72	18.4%
21. Primary	5,013.22	6,566.71	-23.7%
22. Processed	89,281.88	73,070.01	22.2%
3. Fuels and lubricants	68,475.80	55,540.88	23.3%
31. Primary	1,100.38	386.64	184.6%
32. Processed	67,375.42	55,154.24	22.2%
321. Motor spirit	65,666.07	53,774.61	22.1%
322. Other	1,709.35	1,379.63	23.9%
4. Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	59,691.08	54,119.84	10.3%
41. Capital goods (except transport equipment)	43,878.98	35,671.83	23.0%
42. Parts and accessories	15,812.10	18,448.01	-14.3%
5. Transport equipment, and parts and accessories thereof	42,664.49	45,706.73	-6.7%
51. Passenger motor cars	19,026.58	26,680.06	-28.7%
52. Other	11,618.38	10,651.38	9.1%
521. Industrial	5,204.76	6,455.80	-19.4%
522. Non-industrial	6,413.62	4,195.58	52.9%
53. Parts and accessories	12,019.53	8,375.29	43.5%
6. Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	112,360.23	93,799.64	19.8%
61. Durable	33,416.86	32,995.57	1.3%
62. Semi-durable	44,501.94	29,803.54	49.3%
63. Non-durable	34,441.44	31,000.52	11.1%
7. Goods not elsewhere specified	16,429.69	19,075.23	-13.9%
TOTAL	500,660.57	446,551.11	12.1%

Table 6. Merchandise Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) 2 Digit, CI\$Million, April-June

	2018	2017	Chg %
<u>Food and live animals</u>			
Live animals other than animals of division 03	39.4	28.1	40.3%
Meat and meat preparations	8,257.8	7,379.9	11.9%
Dairy products and birds' eggs	5,013.0	4,274.2	17.3%
Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	3,321.5	2,362.5	40.6%
Cereals and cereal preparations	4,237.8	3,057.7	38.6%
Vegetables and fruit	10,290.4	9,246.8	11.3%
Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	632.6	354.4	78.5%
Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	1,613.5	1,050.1	53.7%
Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	1,367.1	643.7	112.4%
Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	10,304.9	14,278.4	-27.8%
<u>Beverages & tobacco</u>			
Beverages	7,980.7	6,309.9	26.5%
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,248.5	790.0	58.0%
<u>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</u>			
Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	6.0	-100.0%
Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	37.7	14.2	166.2%
Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	16.1	4.6	247.5%
Cork and wood	2,023.9	1,589.7	27.3%
Pulp and waste paper	2.3	30.9	-92.5%
Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	56.6	19.2	194.0%
Crude fertilizers, other than those of Division 56, and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	1,452.8	2,042.2	-28.9%
Metalliferous ores and metal scraps	75.8	4.6	1554.3%
Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	547.1	828.2	-33.9%
<u>Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials</u>			
Coal, coke and briquettes	4.6	6.1	-24.0%
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	36,972.2	29,678.1	24.6%
Gas, natural and manufactured	527.1	757.7	-30.4%
Electric current	0.0	0.1	-100.0%
<u>Animal & Vegetable oils, fats and waxes</u>			
Animal oils and fats	7.6	1.9	289.2%
Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	323.7	90.8	256.7%
Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.	101.4	5.2	1848.0%

**Table 6 (cont'd). Merchandise Imports by Standard International
Trade Classification (SITC) 2 Digit, CI\$Million, April-June**

	2018	2017	Chg %
<u>Chemicals & related products, n.e.s</u>			
Organic chemicals	218.1	137.2	59.0%
Inorganic chemicals	229.3	293.8	-22.0%
Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	2,514.3	979.9	156.6%
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	5,386.0	4,349.5	23.8%
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	5,401.7	6,414.1	-15.8%
Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	152.5	104.7	45.7%
Plastics in primary forms	313.6	71.9	336.2%
Plastics in non-primary forms	2,202.6	1,133.3	94.3%
Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	1,986.5	1,697.5	17.0%
<u>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</u>			
Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins	20.8	21.9	-5.0%
Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	1,509.5	1,068.3	41.3%
Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	1,451.1	1,294.5	12.1%
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	3,301.0	2,268.1	45.5%
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	1,907.1	1,200.9	58.8%
Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	4,907.3	4,347.4	12.9%
Iron and steel	1,854.7	1,169.6	58.6%
Non-ferrous metals	1,413.9	634.4	122.9%
Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	12,051.3	15,185.3	-20.6%
<u>Machinery & transport equipment</u>			
Power-generating machinery and equipment	1,343.6	3,966.1	-66.1%
Machinery specialized for particular industries	1,981.2	1,544.3	28.3%
Metalworking machinery	195.3	81.4	139.9%
General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	7,600.0	7,151.0	6.3%
Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	3,488.0	3,175.5	9.8%
Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	9,492.7	5,052.9	87.9%

Table 6 (cont'd). Merchandise Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) 2 Digit, CI\$Million, April-June

	2018	2017	Chg %
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	8,486.3	6,962.5	21.9%
Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	18,102.6	18,586.0	-2.6%
Other transport equipment	2,870.1	1,787.9	60.5%
<u>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</u>			
Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	1,513.3	1,220.0	24.0%
Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	5,620.2	6,543.2	-14.1%
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	578.8	182.7	216.7%
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,513.6	11,784.4	6.2%
Footwear	751.6	529.7	41.9%
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	3,004.9	1,947.7	54.3%
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	5,364.8	4,880.6	9.9%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	15,915.1	11,694.5	36.1%
<u>Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</u>			
Postal Packages not classified according to kind	4,376.9	400.8	991.9%
Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3,439.2	4,846.2	-29.0%
Coin (other than gold coin), not being legal tender	90.2	311.2	-71.0%
Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	3,996.9	658.4	507.0%
Total	254,002.8	220,534.7	15.2%

**Table 7 Merchandise Imports by Standard International
Trade Classification (SITC) 2 Digit, CI\$ 000's, January-June**

	2018	2017	Chg %
<u>Food and live animals</u>			
Live animals other than animals of division 03	136.0	60.0	126.7%
Meat and meat preparations	15,361.7	12,475.8	23.1%
Dairy products and birds' eggs	10,480.5	8,455.3	24.0%
Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	7,044.8	5,545.7	27.0%
Cereals and cereal preparations	7,802.7	6,778.4	15.1%
Vegetables and fruit	23,784.7	17,394.4	36.7%
Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	1,319.8	894.0	47.6%
Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	3,066.8	2,048.5	49.7%
Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	2,482.9	1,093.6	127.0%
Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	20,350.0	31,075.8	-34.5%
<u>Beverages & tobacco</u>			
Beverages	17,049.4	13,917.9	22.5%
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3,592.2	1,908.9	88.2%
<u>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</u>			
Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	7.0	-100.0%
Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	48.6	34.7	40.2%
Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	24.3	4.9	392.4%
Cork and wood	3,449.9	2,818.0	22.4%
Pulp and waste paper	21.1	75.0	-71.9%
Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	123.1	338.5	-63.6%
Crude fertilizers, other than those of Division 56, and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	3,376.5	3,953.3	-14.6%
Metalliferous ores and metal scraps	164.3	10.6	1453.7%
Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1,167.1	1,291.8	-9.7%
<u>Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials</u>			
Coal, coke and briquettes	8.5	11.8	-27.9%
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	67,391.0	54,499.7	23.7%
Gas, natural and manufactured	1,416.5	1,213.4	16.7%
Electric current	11.7	0.1	10716.2%
<u>Animal & Vegetable oils, fats and waxes</u>			
Animal oils and fats	9.2	6.1	52.0%
Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	609.5	208.2	192.7%
Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.	112.8	23.0	390.8%

**Table 7 (cont'd). Merchandise Imports by Standard International
Trade Classification (SITC) 2 Digit, CI\$ 000's, January-June**

	2018	2017	Chg %
<u>Chemicals & related products, n.e.s</u>			
Organic chemicals	417.6	223.7	86.6%
Inorganic chemicals	504.6	551.1	-8.4%
Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	4,813.5	2,032.7	136.8%
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	10,563.6	8,253.6	28.0%
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	10,059.0	10,595.4	-5.1%
Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	252.0	218.8	15.2%
Plastics in primary forms	544.4	193.7	181.0%
Plastics in non-primary forms	3,818.3	1,980.2	92.8%
Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	5,328.1	2,976.1	79.0%
<u>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</u>			
Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins	44.6	44.0	1.4%
Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	2,786.9	2,423.7	15.0%
Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	2,893.5	2,741.4	5.5%
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	6,211.7	5,759.6	7.8%
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	3,629.7	2,749.1	32.0%
Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	9,039.2	8,080.0	11.9%
Iron and steel	3,152.4	2,179.7	44.6%
Non-ferrous metals	2,508.1	1,035.3	142.3%
Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	23,819.4	28,790.8	-17.3%
<u>Machinery & transport equipment</u>			
Power-generating machinery and equipment	3,306.9	6,160.1	-46.3%
Machinery specialized for particular industries	3,941.2	3,479.0	13.3%
Metalworking machinery	541.6	798.0	-32.1%
General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	16,068.9	12,667.5	26.9%
Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	7,065.9	6,552.5	7.8%
Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	15,114.1	10,862.9	39.1%
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	16,054.7	15,133.5	6.1%
Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	33,081.2	38,207.7	-13.4%
Other transport equipment	4,301.9	3,400.7	26.5%

**Table 7 (cont'd). Merchandise Imports by Standard International
Trade Classification (SITC) 2 Digit, CI\$ 000's, January-June**

	2018	2017	Chg %
<u>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</u>			
Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	2,746.0	2,658.7	3.3%
Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	12,562.6	14,697.2	-14.5%
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1,029.5	441.8	133.0%
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	24,761.4	21,946.2	12.8%
Footwear	1,458.1	1,256.5	16.0%
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	6,942.5	3,263.2	112.7%
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	11,700.7	10,349.4	13.1%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	36,818.8	26,514.3	38.9%
Postal Packages not classified according to kind	4,856.1	1,815.4	167.5%
<u>Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</u>			
Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	9,683.7	16,715.2	-42.1%
Coin (other than gold coin), not being legal tender	219.9	367.4	-40.1%
Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	7,613.1	2,290.7	232.4%
Total	500,660.6	446,551.1	12.1%

Methodology, Explanatory Notes and Definitions

The Foreign Trade Statistics is produced by the Economics and Statistics Office (ESO).

System of Trade

The “General Trade System” is the system of coverage used in the tabulation of merchandise in this report. Under this system, all goods entering the Cayman Islands are recorded as imports while all goods leaving the country are recorded as exports.

Coverage

This report covers merchandise trade of good imported only. Trade- in- services are not included. Included in this report are:

- Returned goods, used goods, waste scrap, bunker, stores ballast and dunnage,
- Estimates of good acquired by travellers, for their own use which falls below the Custom threshold.

Excluded are goods in transit or other trans-shipments not destined for the Cayman Islands’ market, monetary gold and bullion, bank notes and coins in circulation.

Valuation

All values are shown in Cayman Islands dollars (CI\$). Imports are valued at cost, insurance and freight (c.i.f) which is the value up to the time of delivery at the port. It includes incidental charges but excludes customs or any other duty paid on arrival.

Sources

The merchandise import statistics are primarily obtained from the computerized records maintained by the Customs Department. These records are based on documents on the importation of goods as completed by importers, or their agents who are required to record the appropriate statistical tariff code using the Cayman Islands

Customs Tariff Law (2017 Revision) (CTL)

The CTL is based on the Harmonised System Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (sixth edition, 2017) of the World Customs Organization (WCO).

Classification

The task of the ESO, therefore, is mainly to incorporate and check the credibility of the data, and convert them into classification systems that can be useful for analysis. The process of classification is a time-intensive, laborious task as there have been a significant number of goods that are not classified or misclassified. The objective of the classification process has been to minimize the number of such cases; over the years, the number of commodities that are not classified by HS codes has

diminished. In addition to the classification by SITC codes, ESO also classifies all imported commodities by Broad Economic Category (BEC) based on international guidelines issued by the United Nations (UN).

Beginning in the first quarter of 2018 and for comparative quarters, the data obtained from Customs is converted to the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 4). Additionally, the imports are also classified by the Broad Economic Category (Revision 4). In previous publications, SITC (Rev 3) and BEC (Rev 4) were used by the ESO.

Limitations

In the Cayman Islands, a number of import documents do not provide codes, or provide improper codes. Over the years, this issue required the ESO to vigilantly verify codes and provide missing ones. ESO continues to review the imports data with the aim of improving the accuracy, reliability and proper classification of the data.

Full details of the quantity and value of all imports are not available. This will require an upgrade of the current administrative system based at the Cayman Islands Customs Department. At present, only a small proportion of commodities have both quantity and value of imports. It must be noted that the goods may not always be recorded they arrive on Island, but when the declarations are logged at Customs. Thus, there may be included some goods which arrived at the end of the previous period but are accounted for in the current period.

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