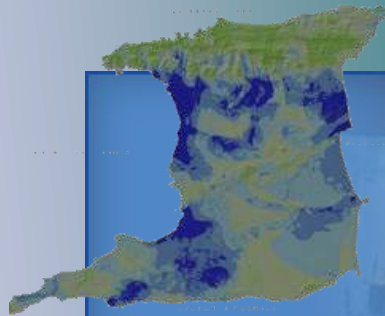




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## **SOURCE OF DATA / METHODOLOGY**

The Central Statistical Office (CSO) receives ASYCUDA World data from the Customs and Excise Division (C&E) of the Ministry of Finance. This consists of all the information submitted to the C&E via the Single Electronic Window (SEW) platform.

The ASYCUDA World data is reviewed, edited and verified via a robust system by the Editors of the Trade Editing Unit of the CSO. Once all the records have been verified and meet the quality control targets, the data is loaded onto the Eurotrace platform which is used by the CSO to process the trade data.

Once the data is finalised, it is released to the public. Subsequent to finalising the trade data, CSO's Trade Section conducts a systematic audit of the data and if necessary, amendments to the final data are made. This is then released by the CSO as revised data.

**REVIEW OF MERCHANDISE TRADE**  
**Trade Bulletin - September 2015**

During the month of September 2015, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (ROTT) imported goods valued at \$4,974 TT Mn. Total exports (domestic and foreign) were valued at \$7,317 TT Mn, with foreign exports valued at \$607 TT Mn. A favourable balance of \$2,343 TT Mn in merchandise trade was recorded.

Imports of merchandise trade increased from the previous month by \$631 TT Mn (14.5%). Similarly, exports attained a 70.8% increase (\$3,033 TT Mn) over the previous month.

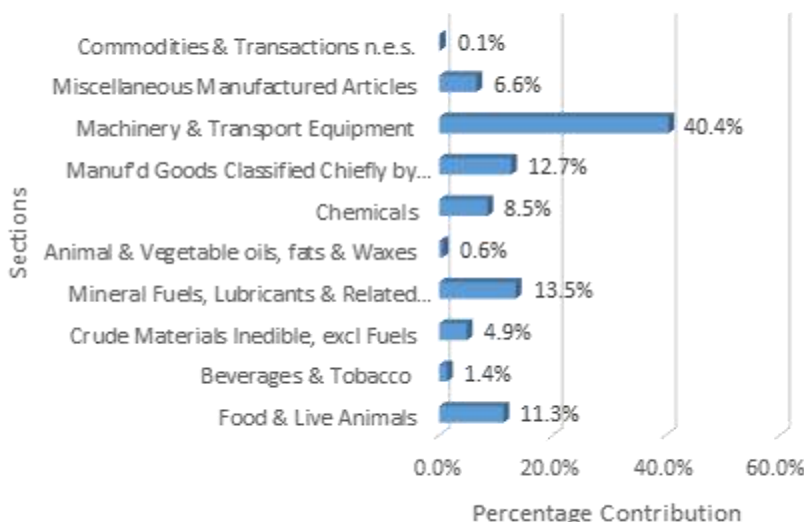
Compared with the corresponding period, of the previous year, imports of merchandised trade was \$5,827 TT Mn. This represents a decline of 14.66% for imported goods. However, when comparing exports for the periods September 2014 with September 2015, it was observed that there was an increase by \$343 TT Mn (4.9%).

Chart 1  
**Value of Trade for the period Sept 2014, Aug 2015 and Sept 2015**



Chart 2

**Contribution of the Sections to Total Imports, Sept 2015**



The three largest contributors to Total Imports for the period September 2015 were:

- i. Machinery and Transport Equipment - 40.4%;
- ii. Mineral Fuel, Lubricants & Related Materials - 13.5%; and
- iii. Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials - 12.7%.

In the case of Total Exports, the largest contributor was from the Mineral Fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials Sector (53.8%).

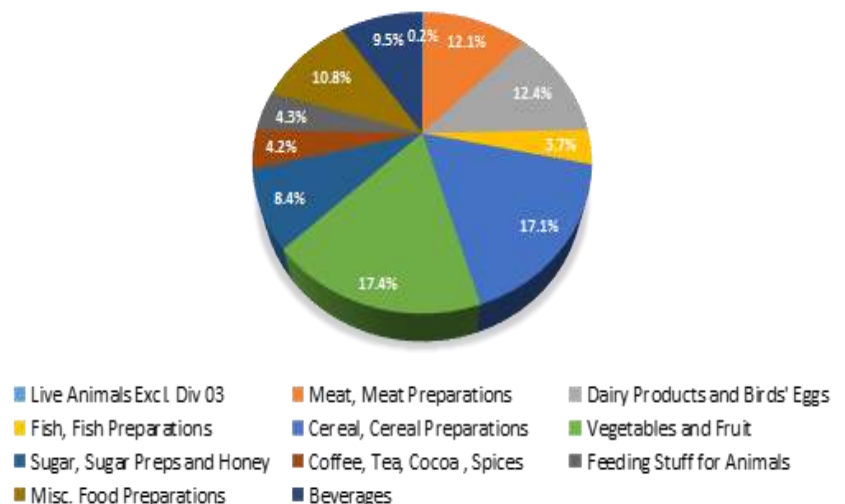
**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SUB-SECTOR**

Food and Beverages imports increased by \$92 TT Mn (17.4%) from August 2015 to September 2015.

The three largest contributors to this increase were:

- i. Cereal and Cereal Preparation - \$31 TT Mn;
- ii. Sugar, Sugar Prep and Honey - \$29 TT Mn; and
- iii. Vegetables and Fruit - \$28 TT Mn

Chart 3  
Contribution of Food and Beverages Divisions to Total Imports of Food and Beverages



Note: This data is based on SITC clarification

The three largest Divisions that contributed heavily to Total Imports of the Food and Beverages Sub-Sector were:

- i. Vegetables and Fruit - 17.4%
- ii. Cereal and Cereal Preparation - 17.0%
- iii. Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs – 12.4%

For the corresponding period, September 2014, when compared with September 2015, for the Food and Beverage Sub-Sector, \$19 TT Mn less was imported in Cereal and Cereal Preparation; a decline of 15.2%. However, \$14 TT Mn more was imported in Sugar, Sugar Prep and Honey (36.8%) sector and \$21 TT Mn more in the Vegetables and Fruit (24.1%) sector.



**VALUE OF EXPORTS FOR OIL, GAS AND THE PETRO-CHEMICALS SUB-SECTOR**

The ROTT key export of oil, gas and petro-chemicals increased by \$2,820 TT Mn (104.2%) from August 2015 to September 2015. The three major contributors to the increase were:

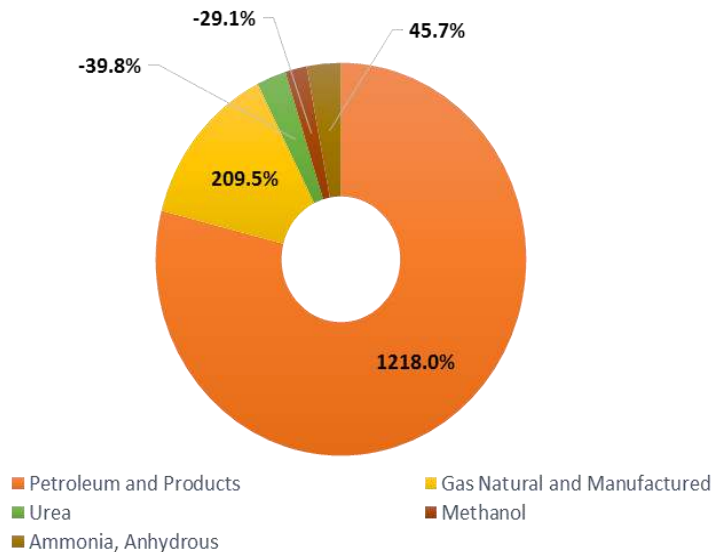
- i. Natural Gas and Manufactured - \$2,122 TT Mn;
- ii. Petroleum and Products - \$743 TT Mn; and
- iii. Anhydrous Ammonia - \$269 TT Mn.

The largest contributor to this sub-sector was from the sales of Natural Gas and Manufactured (56.7%) while the smallest contributor was from the sale of Urea (1.1%).

When the periods September 2014 and September 2015 were compared, it was observed that:

- i. A total of \$977 TT Mn (21.5%) more was exported in oil, gas and petro-chemical;
- ii. \$2,013 TT Mn (179.4%) more was exported in Gas Natural and Manufactured; and
- iii. \$1,015 TT Mn (55.8%) less was exported in Petroleum and Products.

Chart 4  
**Percentage Change in Value for Items within the Oil, Gas and Petro-Chemical Division between August 2015 and September 2015**



**TRADE WITH CARICOM**

The ROTT main CARICOM Trading partners for September 2015 were:

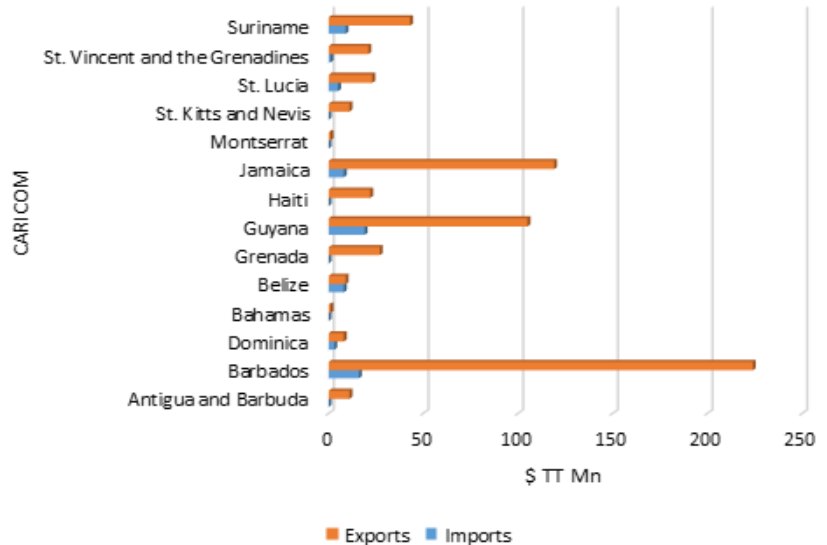
**Imports**

- i. Guyana - \$19 TT Mn (27.5%)
- ii. Barbados - \$16 TT Mn (23.2%)
- iii. Suriname - \$9 TT Mn (13.0%)

**Exports**

- i. Barbados - \$224 TT Mn (35.8%)
- ii. Jamaica - \$119 TT Mn (19.0%)
- iii. Guyana - \$105 TT Mn (16.8%)

Chart 5  
Value of Trade with CARICOM September 2015



For the period September 2015, 8.5% of this country’s exports was with the CARICOM region. Exports to Barbados significantly increased from \$39 TT Mn in August 2015 to \$224 TT Mn in September 2015; an increase of 474.4%. Similarly, exports to Jamaica and Guyana recorded increased revenue to the ROTT of \$39 TT Mn and \$33 TT Mn respectively.

Exports to Barbados was \$132 TT Mn in September 2014 compared with the \$224 TT Mn in September 2015. This represents a 69.7% increase over the corresponding period. However, both Jamaica and Guyana reflected decreases in exports of 32.8% and 26.1% respectively.

**TRADE WITH MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS AND PRODUCTS**

The three main trading partners which the ROTT traded with for September 2015 were:

**Imports**

- i. U.S.A - \$2,052 TT Mn (41.3% of total imports)
- ii. China - \$435 TT Mn (8.7% of total imports)
- iii. Gabon - \$407 TT Mn (8.2% of total imports)

**Exports**

- i. U.S.A - \$2,446 TT Mn (33.4% of total exports)
- ii. Puerto Rico - \$857 TT Mn (11.7% of total exports)
- iii. Argentina - \$837 TT Mn (11.4% of total exports)

The three major traded products for September 2015 were:

**Imports**

- i. Tugs, Pusher Craft - \$724 TT Mn (14.6% of total imports)
- ii. Other Crude Petroleum - \$629 TT Mn (12.6% of total imports)
- iii. Non-Agglomerated Iron Ores & Concentrated - \$183 TT Mn (3.7% of total imports)

**Exports**

- i. Natural Gas, Liquefied - \$2,978 TT Mn (40.7% of total exports)
- ii. Ammonia, Anhydrous - \$858 TT Mn (11.7% of total exports)
- iii. Methanol - \$668 TT Mn (9.1% of total exports)

When comparing trade with the U.S.A. over the period September 2015 with the corresponding period, September 2014, it was observed that the ROTT increased imports by 55.7% (\$734 TT Mn) while exports, fell by 5.4% (\$140 TT Mn) to that country. The major ten product imported comprised 38.8% of total imports and the major ten items exported comprised 81.9% of total exports.

Chart 6

**Contribution of the Top 10 Major Import Partners to Total Imports**

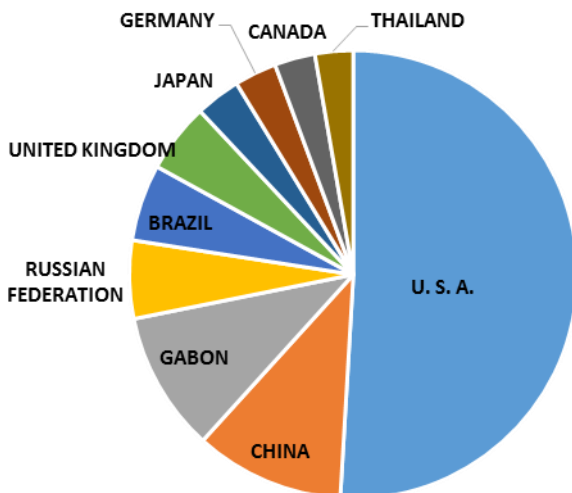
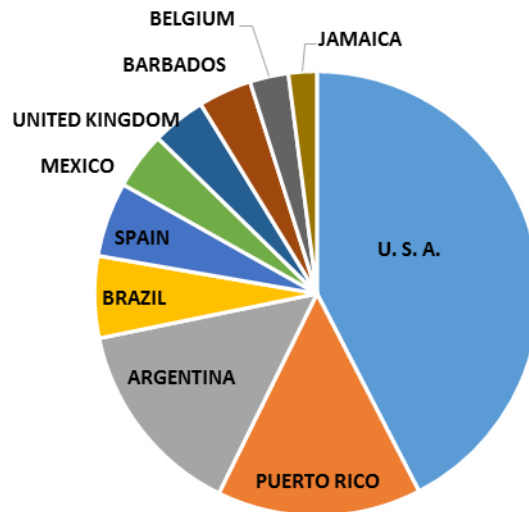


Chart 7

**Contribution of the Top 10 Major Export Partners to Total Exports**





# Notes

The figures in this bulletin are preliminary. For this reason addition of separate monthly bulletins will not necessarily agree with the cumulative totals.

Values appearing under imports from Trinidad & Tobago represent goods that originated from here and have been subsequently re-imported.

The user is asked to note that trade surpluses and/or deficits mentioned relate only to merchandise trade and take no account of service payments.

This bulletin for September 2015 was released by the Central Statistical Office in 2016.



# Sections Sections

TABLE 1

Value of Imports, Domestic and Total Exports by Sections of the SITC rev. 4			
Sections \ Period	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
<b>Import</b>			
0: Food and Live Animals	545	466	563
1: Beverages and Tobacco	64	68	69
2: Crude Materials inedible, excl fuels	210	157	242
3: Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	2,449	956	672
4: Animal & Vegetable oils, fats & waxes	30	23	30
5: Chemicals	339	374	423
6: Manuf'd goods classified chiefly by materials	600	550	631
7: Machinery & Transport Equipment	1,287	1,425	2,011
8: Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	295	317	326
9: Commodities & Transactions n.e.s.	7	7	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,827</b>	<b>4,343</b>	<b>4,974</b>
<b>Domestic Export</b>			
0: Food and Live Animals	86	84	101
1: Beverages and Tobacco	105	102	121
2: Crude Materials inedible, excl fuels	29	347	261
3: Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	2,940	1,072	3,939
4: Animal & Vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3	2	2
5: Chemicals	1,700	1,868	1,806
6: Manuf'd goods classified chiefly by materials	374	50	432
7: Machinery & Transport Equipment	17	14	14
8: Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	35	36	30
9: Commodities & Transactions n.e.s.	1	3	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,289</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>6,710</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>			
0: Food and Live Animals	95	99	114
1: Beverages and Tobacco	105	102	122
2: Crude Materials inedible, excl fuels	143	386	276
3: Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	2,941	1,074	3,939
4: Animal & Vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3	2	2
5: Chemicals	1,720	1,881	1,823
6: Manuf'd goods classified chiefly by materials	747	135	452
7: Machinery & Transport Equipment	1,175	555	522
8: Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	44	47	62
9: Commodities & Transactions n.e.s.	3	3	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,974</b>	<b>4,284</b>	<b>7,317</b>
<b>All figures rounded to TT\$ Million</b>			

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# Food Imports

## Food Imports

TABLE 2

Value of Imports for Food and Beverages based on Sections 0 and 1 of the SITC rev. 4			
Period	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
<b>VALUE OF THE IMPORTS FOR FOOD &amp; BEVERAGES</b>			
00:LIVE ANIMALS EXCL. DIV. 03	1	1	1
01:MEAT, MEAT PREPARATIONS	76	62	75
02:DAIRY PRODUCTS AND BIRDS' EGGS	83	81	77
03:FISH, FISH PREPARATIONS	28	21	23
04:CEREAL, CEREAL PREPARATIONS	125	75	106
05:VEGETABLES AND FRUITS	87	80	108
06:SUGAR, SUGAR PREPS. AND HONEY	38	23	52
07:COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES	21	18	26
08:FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS	24	37	27
09:MISC. FOOD PREPARATIONS	61	68	67
11:BEVERAGES	60	64	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>622</b>
All figures rounded to TT\$ Million			

# Key Exports

## Key Exports

TABLE 3

Period	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
<b>VALUE OF EXPORTS FOR OIL, GAS &amp; PETRO-CHEMICALS</b>			
33:PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS	1,819	61	804
34:GAS NATURAL AND MANUFACTURED	1,122	1,013	3,135
31021000:UREA	39	103	62
29051100:METHANOL	596	942	668
28141000:AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS	974	589	858
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,550</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>5,527</b>
All figures rounded to TT\$ Million			

TABLE 4

VALUE OF TRADE WITH CARICOM COUNTRIES			
Period	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
<b>IMPORTS (cif)</b>			
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	0	0	0
BARBADOS	18	24	16
DOMINICA	2	2	3
BAHAMAS	0	0	0
BELIZE	12	5	8
GRENADA	1	0	0
GUYANA	22	17	19
HAITI	0	0	0
JAMAICA	13	7	8
MONTserrat	0	0	0
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	0	0	0
ST. LUCIA	16	8	5
ST. VINCENT/GRENADINES	3	1	1
SURINAME	4	5	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS (fob)</b>			
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	25	11	11
BARBADOS	132	39	224
DOMINICA	20	11	8
BAHAMAS	10	1	1
BELIZE	4	12	9
GRENADA	32	23	27
GUYANA	142	72	105
HAITI	38	1	22
JAMAICA	177	80	119
MONTserrat	1	1	1
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	8	9	11
ST. LUCIA	62	27	23
ST. VINCENT/GRENADINES	30	16	21
SURINAME	80	36	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>625</b>
<b>All figures rounded to TT\$ Million</b>			

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# Imports by Countries

## Imports by Countries

TABLE 5

TOP 30 SUPPLYING PARTNERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015			
PRODUCTS	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
U. S. A.	1,318	1,314	2,052
CHINA	351	434	435
GABON	1,836	457	407
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	490	459	227
BRAZIL	124	154	223
UNITED KINGDOM	202	175	202
JAPAN	154	174	131
GERMANY	103	120	123
CANADA	146	88	118
THAILAND	90	100	111
MEXICO	80	77	81
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	75	53	78
ITALY	45	32	58
FRANCE	27	33	55
SPAIN	93	18	53
INDIA	52	49	46
NETHERLANDS	31	54	38
COSTA RICA	27	31	38
COLOMBIA	30	28	31
HUNGARY	5	13	25
TAIWAN	24	16	23
BELGIUM	42	27	22
FIJI	0	0	21
MALAYSIA	22	23	19
TURKEY	28	27	19
GUYANA	22	17	19
IRELAND	21	16	18
GUATEMALA	11	15	18
PANAMA	13	10	18
BARBADOS	18	24	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,480</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>4,720</b>
All figures rounded to TT\$ Million			

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# Exports by Countries

## Exports by Countries

TABLE 6

TOP 30 EXPORT MARKETS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015			
PRODUCTS	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
U. S. A.	2,586	1,988	2,446
PUERTO RICO	274	30	857
ARGENTINA	0	0	837
BRAZIL	87	37	343
SPAIN	519	287	313
MEXICO	11	4	240
UNITED KINGDOM	69	106	226
BARBADOS	132	39	224
BELGIUM	75	105	162
JAMAICA	177	80	119
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	5	6	115
PERU	0	3	114
KOREA, D. P. REP.	0	0	114
GUYANA	142	72	105
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	7	104	105
CHILE	172	153	84
CANADA	36	128	83
DOMINICAN REP.	35	13	67
ITALY	13	22	64
FRANCE	29	119	58
ARUBA	6	21	56
EGYPT	0	0	55
NETHERLANDS	43	139	54
SURINAME	80	36	43
SWITZERLAND	0	0	42
COSTA RICA	30	38	39
GERMANY	1	47	37
COLOMBIA	338	297	30
GRENADA	32	23	27
ST. LUCIA	62	27	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,962</b>	<b>3,925</b>	<b>7,080</b>
All figures rounded to TT\$ Million			

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# Products Imported

## Products Imported

TABLE 7

TOP 30 PRODUCTS IMPORTED IN SEPTEMBER 2015			
PRODUCTS	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
TUGS,PUSHER CRAFT	0	0	724
OTHER CRUDE PETROLEUM	1,860	915	629
NON-AGGLOMERATED IRON ORES & CONCENTRATED	115	114	183
OTHER DUMPERS G.V.W<5 TONNES	100	87	82
CARS>1800<2000CC SPARK IGN.	66	64	63
OTHER MEDICAMENTS IN MEASURED DOSES	55	37	55
PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY	22	43	52
OTHER CARS 1000-1500CC SPARK IGN.	36	52	49
SUPPORTED CATALYSTS WITH NICKEL COMPOUNDS	1	1	49
PARTS FOR ELECTRO-MECH APPLIANCES	40	4	45
C.K.D.CARS 1500-1800CC SPARK IGN.	34	47	45
OTHER PIPES AND TUBE FITTINGS	9	8	41
OTHER FOOD PREPARATION	31	42	40
OTHER DUMPERS G.V.W.>5<=20 TONNES	16	36	33
OTHER WHEAT AND MESLIN	49	16	29
OTHER STRUCTURES AND PARTS OF STEEL	24	9	28
OTH.CASING TUBING & DRILL PIPE FOR OIL,GAS	2	2	25
OTHER CHEMICAL PREP.	14	14	22
OTHER AIR PUMPS VACUUM PUMPS ETC.	2	12	22
REACTION INITIATORS	0	3	22
MOLASSES,INEDIBLE OF CANE	7	0	21
OTHER APP. FOR PIPES,TANKS,VATS ETC.	20	50	20
MACHINES FOR REGENERATION OF VOICE	21	19	20
PARTS OF AIR-COND. MACHINES FOR ASSEMBLY	17	22	19
OTHER MACHINES AND MECHANICAL APP.	19	39	19
OTHER LUBRICATING OIL	0	5	18
MACH.FOR MAKING CARTOONS, BOXES ETC.	0	0	17
RECEPTION APPARATUS NES	0	2	17
AERATED BEVERAGES SWEETENED	10	10	17
OTHER SUGAR	15	14	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>2,420</b>
<b>All figures rounded to TT\$ Million</b>			

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# Products Exported

## Products Exported

TABLE 8

TOP 30 PRODUCTS EXPORTED IN SEPTEMBER 2015			
PRODUCTS	Sept 2014	Aug 2015	Sept 2015
NATURAL GAS, LIQUEFIED	900	814	2,978
AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS	974	589	858
METHANOL	596	942	668
LUBRICATING OILS	32	21	583
NON-AGGLOMERATED IRON ORES & CONCENTRATED	0	186	248
IRON AND STEEL DIRECTLY REDUCED	175	0	247
UREA, AMMONIUM MIXTURES IN SOLUTION	50	183	154
OTHER LUBRI. GREASES	885	0	100
MOTOR SPIRIT GASOLINE	149	15	92
OTHER BARS & RODS OF NON-ALLOY STEEL	120	0	68
UREA	39	103	62
OTHER SEMI-FINISHED PRODS.<0.25% CARBON	24	3	59
PROPANE, LIQUEFIED	110	109	58
OTHER PETROLEUM GASES, IN GASEOUS STATE	0	0	53
BUTANE, LIQUEFIED	109	89	45
CIGARETTES CONTAINING TOBACCO	28	25	40
AERATED BEVERAGES SWEETENED	19	25	26
OTHER FLAVOURED WATERS	19	18	26
MELAMINE	1	15	22
JET FUEL KEROSENE	122	3	18
OTHER PREPARED FOODS BY ROASTING CEREALS	14	13	16
BUILDING CEMENT (GREY)	15	11	11
AROMATIC BITTERS FLAV. AGENT FOR FOOD	15	16	10
TOILET\FACIAL TISSUE STOCK	7	5	9
OTHER DETERGENT RETAIL	6	11	8
SWEET BISCUITS	6	6	7
TOILET PAPER	7	6	7
UNSWEETENED BISCUITS	6	6	7
FOOD PREP. IN BLOCKS FILLED, > 2 KG	3	3	6
WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL	17	9	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,446</b>	<b>3,224</b>	<b>6,491</b>
<b>All figures rounded to TT\$ Million</b>			



# Definitions page

## Definitions page

C.I.F - Cost, Insurance and Freight

F.O.B - Free on board

H.S - Harmonized System

S.I.T.C - Standard International Trade Classification

Imports - A good or service brought into country from another.

Exports - A function of international trade whereby goods produced in one country are shipped to another country for future sale or trade.

Foreign Exports - Merchandise re-exported in substantially the same form in which it was imported.