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**IMPORTS DOWN 4.8 %, DOMESTIC EXPORTS UP 28.9% IN MAY 2017**

**IMPORTS**

**MAY 2017:** For the month of May 2017, Belize imported goods valuing \$161.3 million. This represented a 4.2 percent or \$7.1 million drop from the same month in 2016, when imports totalled \$168.4 million.

Decreases across various categories led to the overall reduction in Belize's import bill. However, 'Machinery and Transport Equipment' saw the most considerable decline for the month, falling by \$11 million or 24 percent to \$35 million, as the country imported less telecommunication parts, sealing machines and water pumps. A reduction in the quantities of Diesel, Regular and Premium fuels purchased resulted in a \$3.5 million drop in the 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' category. Dwindling wheat seed imports drove the 'Food and Live Animals' category down by more than \$3 million from \$23 million in May 2016 to \$19.5 million in May of 2017. Decreased purchases of pine lumber and natural asphalt led to a \$2 million decline in imports of 'Crude Materials' from \$5 million to \$3 million over the period. Of note, importation of 'Beverages and Tobacco' for the month fell by \$1.6 million, from \$4.4 million to \$2.8 million, as the country purchased less cigarettes and beer from abroad.

Notwithstanding these decreases, the month of May 2017 also saw noteworthy increases across some categories. Imports of goods to the 'Commercial Free Zones', which were meant solely for re-exportation, rose by almost \$4 million during the month from \$20.4 million to \$24.3 million, due mostly to a spike in purchases of cigarettes for re-export. While heightened purchases of cement and metal roofing prompted a \$3 million growth in the 'Manufactured Goods' category from \$18 million in May of last year to \$21 million in May 2017, lighting fixtures and medical catheters led to an increase of \$3 million in the 'Other Manufactures' category from \$13.5 million to \$16.5 million. Importation of 'Chemical Products' went up from \$15 million to \$17 million, as Belize bought more fertilizers than it did in May 2016, while increased shrimp feed imports resulted in a \$1.5 million growth in the 'Export Processing Zones' category.

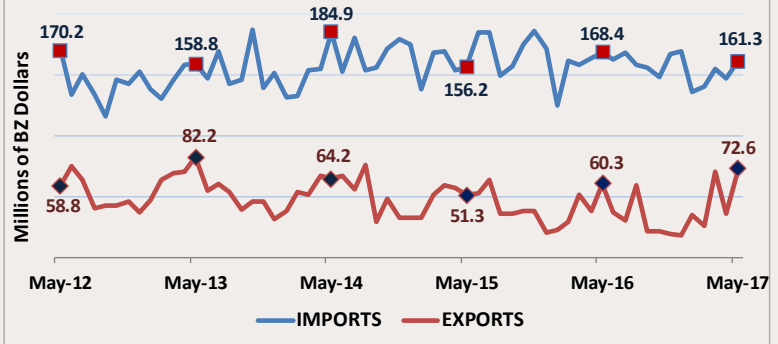
**FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR:** Merchandise imports for the five months from January to May 2017 amounted \$739.6 million, representing a 4.8 percent or \$36.9 million decline from the same period last year. Decreased purchases within the categories of 'Machinery and Transport Equipment', 'Food and Live Animals' and 'Export Processing Zones', which fell by a combined \$69 million during the period, contributed greatly to the overall decline in imports for the first five months of the year. However, these were partially offset by increased spending on 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants', 'Manufactured Goods' and 'Other Manufactures', which rose by a combined \$34.5 million.

**EXPORTS**

**MAY 2017:** The total value of Belize's domestic exports for the month of May 2017 was \$72.6 million, up 28.9 percent or \$16.3 million from the \$56.3 million recorded for May 2016.

Sugar was the most dominant among the major exports during the month of May 2017, as revenues from that commodity contributed more than a half of total export earnings. Furthermore, sugar revenues for the month grew by \$11.3 million, from \$26.4 million to \$37.7 million. The month of May was the first since the start of the year in which an increase in citrus exports was recorded. Earnings from this commodity were up by \$1 million from May 2016, as orange concentrate sales rose from \$11 million to \$12 million. Bananas and marine products, on the other hand, each saw decreases in export returns for the period, with the former falling by \$0.9 million from \$7.8 million to \$6.9 million, while the latter dropped by a half from \$1.2 million to \$0.6 million.

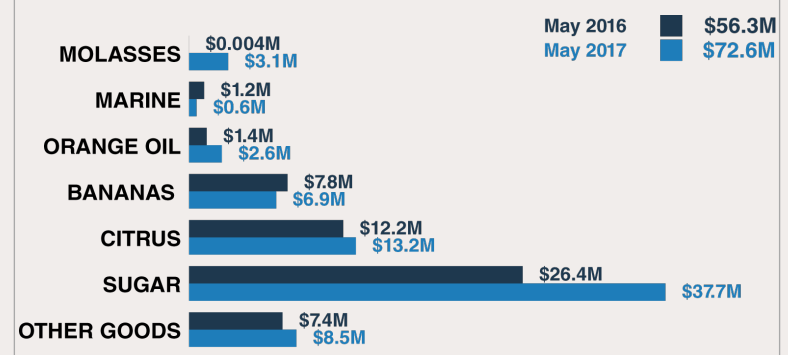
**Figure 1: Monthly Gross Imports and Domestic Exports; May 2012 - May 2017**



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

MANUFACTURED GOODS & OTHER MANUFACTURES	MACHINERY & TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT		35.0M	
	37.7M	COMMERCIAL FREE ZONE & EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES		28.9M
		FOOD & LIVE ANIMALS		19.5M
		CHEMICAL PRODUCTS		17.4M
		MINERAL FUELS & LUBRICANTS	15.0M	ALL OTHER GOODS
<b>TOTAL = 161.3 MILLION</b>				

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



Belize's other exports, however, performed notably well during the month. Molasses sales, which were negligible in May of 2016, surged to \$3 million, and orange oil exports almost doubled from \$1.4 million to \$2.6 million, the result of favourable prices for that commodity.

The United Kingdom was the main recipient of Belize's exports, with \$33 million worth of goods or 45 percent of total exports being destined for that nation. Exports to this country were up by \$3 million over that of May 2016, as the month saw a spike in sugar exports. Robust sales of sugar and orange concentrate also drove an almost \$10 million rise in exports to the rest of the European Union from \$7.7 million to \$17.5 million. A boost in sales of molasses to the United States of America led to a \$1 million increase in exports to that country, from \$10 million during May of last year to \$11 million in May 2017.

**FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR:** Merchandise exports for the period January to May 2017 totalled \$237.6 million, up 21.8 percent or \$42.6 million from the same period last year.

Sugar, which accounted for 40 percent of Belize's exports for the first five months of the year, recorded earnings of \$95 million for the period January to May 2017, making that commodity the country's most significant export earner. When compared to the five months from January to May 2016, the first five months of 2017 boasted a substantial 58 percent or \$35 million growth in sugar export receipts.

Belize's other major exports also had positive showings over the period. Banana earnings were up by almost a quarter, as exports increased from \$30 million in 2016 to \$37 million in 2017. Improved sales of shrimp and lobster meat resulted in a modest \$1.2 million growth in marine exports to almost \$13 million over the period. Export revenues for crude petroleum rose significantly in comparison to the same months in 2016 from \$7.1 million to \$11.4 million, although there was virtually no change in exported volumes, as prices for that commodity remained more favourable than they were last year. Notwithstanding the surge in citrus exports for the month of May, revenues from that commodity fell by \$14 million over the first five months of the year, from \$51 million in 2016 to \$37 million in 2017, due to a drop in orange concentrate sales.

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

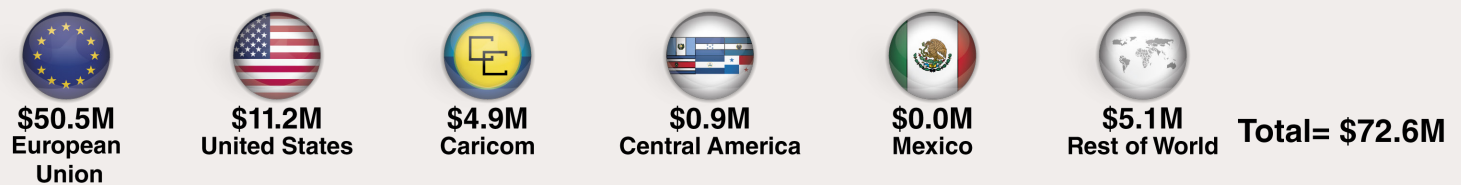


Table 1: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for May of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$'000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)						Balance of Trade	
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total			
	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16
Food and Live Animals	19,536.6	22,669.4	67,153.8	52,929.9	27.64	-	67,181.4	52,929.9	47,645	30,260
Beverages and Tobacco	2,826.4	4,400.2	7.1	0.0	63.51	73.5	70.6	73.5	(2,756)	(4,327)
Crude Materials	3,034.2	5,214.8	783.7	929.9	-	-	783.7	929.9	(2,251)	(4,285)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	15,017.1	18,558.7	31.8	-	1,200.66	1,071.1	1,232.4	1,071.1	(13,785)	(17,488)
Oils and Fats	1,634.5	1,403.6	-	-	3.09	-	3.1	-	(1,631)	(1,404)
Chemical Products	17,427.5	15,175.7	3,861.1	2,407.9	1,252.92	114.1	5,114.0	2,522.0	(12,314)	(12,654)
Manufactured Goods	21,158.9	17,716.8	757.5	60.2	30,517.09	366.2	31,274.6	426.4	10,116	(17,290)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	35,034.3	45,857.0	-	-	1,581.00	3,461.9	1,581.0	3,461.9	(33,453)	(42,395)
Other Manufactures	16,522.3	13,457.0	9.5	16.0	3,016.75	2,439.8	3,026.3	2,455.8	(13,496)	(11,001)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	24,273.5	20,381.2	-	-	3,858.68	1,292.5	3,858.7	1,292.5	(20,415)	(19,089)
Export Processing Zones	4,578.8	3,083.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,579)	(3,084)
Personal Goods	297.4	482.1	-	-	45.00	23.8	45.0	23.8	(252)	(458)
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,341.5</b>	<b>168,400.3</b>	<b>72,604.4</b>	<b>56,344.0</b>	<b>41,566.34</b>	<b>8,842.9</b>	<b>114,170.7</b>	<b>65,186.9</b>	<b>-47,170.8*</b>	<b>-103,213.4*</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 May of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16
United States of America	59,081.2	62,125.8	11,216.1	10,183.5	6,388.8	2,915.2	17,604.9	13,098.6
Mexico	18,493.3	19,754.0	20.2	31.6	78.3	208.6	98.5	240.2
United Kingdom	639.4	1,424.6	32,944.2	30,008.0	24.1	396.2	32,968.3	30,404.2
Other European Union	9,770.5	8,188.0	17,506.5	7,702.6	30,433.5	37.5	47,940.1	7,740.1
Panama	5,557.1	3,827.6	17.0	8.5	1,997.3	22.1	2,014.4	30.6
Costa Rica	2,168.3	1,938.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Central America	17,771.3	17,028.8	846.2	316.9	1,491.9	783.3	2,338.1	1,100.2
Caricom	3,735.5	6,224.5	4,949.8	5,505.8	80.4	127.7	5,030.2	5,633.4
Canada	2,938.7	861.6	19.1	-	43.6	79.3	62.7	79.3
Curaçao	10,486.4	14,664.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	13,154.9	18,599.4	0.0	-	34.0	114.7	34.1	114.7
Other	17,544.9	13,763.1	5,085.3	2,587.3	994.3	4,158.2	6,079.6	6,745.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,341.5</b>	<b>168,400.3</b>	<b>72,604.4</b>	<b>56,344.0</b>	<b>41,566.3</b>	<b>8,842.9</b>	<b>114,170.7</b>	<b>65,186.9</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 May 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			
	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16
Food and Live Animals	545.2	638.0	4,834.9	5,085.6	-	-	4,834.9	5,085.6	4,290	4,448
Beverages and Tobacco	1,642.5	3,070.6	-	-	0.2	-	0.2	-	(1,642)	(3,071)
Crude Materials	54.8	2.9	8.0	362.9	-	-	8.0	362.9	(47)	360
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oils and Fats	0.8	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(2)
Chemical Products	464.4	606.4	57.1	57.0	-	-	57.1	57.0	(407)	(549)
Manufactured goods	390.6	831.2	49.7	0.1	53.8	53.8	103.6	54.0	(287)	(777)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	319.9	689.9	-	-	-	73.9	-	73.9	(320)	(616)
Oth. Manufactures	317.4	383.8	-	-	26.4	-	26.4	-	(291)	(384)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Export Processing Zones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,735.5</b>	<b>6,224.5</b>	<b>4,949.8</b>	<b>5,505.8</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>5,030.2</b>	<b>5,633.4</b>	<b>1,294.7</b>	<b>-591.1*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ

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

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16
Antigua & Barbuda	-	-	-	89.6	-	-	-	89.6
Barbados	273.2	306.0	228.3	406.5	-	-	228.3	406.5
Dominica	79.8	320.4	-	-	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
Grenada	205.8	240.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	105.7	36.6	222.0	205.1	-	73.9	222.0	279.0
Haiti	-	-	273.6	-	26.4	-	300.1	-
Jamaica	1,262.0	1,116.7	2,600.2	3,010.1	0.2	-	2,600.4	3,010.1
St-Kitts & Nevis	#VALUE!	124.5	31.6	83.0	-	-	31.6	83.0
St-Lucia	147.6	-	47.4	-	-	-	47.4	-
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surinam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago	1,283.1	3,294.8	1,546.7	1,711.5	-	-	1,546.7	1,711.5
St Vincent & Gren.	378.3	785.2	-	-	36.3	36.3	36.3	36.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>#VALUE!</b>	<b>6,224.5</b>	<b>4,949.8</b>	<b>5,505.8</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>5,030.2</b>	<b>5,633.4</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	May		January - May	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Marine Products</b>				
Lbs '000	473.9	138.7	1,126.1	1,203.3
Value	589.9	1,196.0	12,989.2	11,754.4
<b>Sugar</b>				
L/Ton	40,873.8	34,115.0	103,394.3	76,041.5
Value	37,714.0	26,368.4	94,911.3	60,137.8
<b>Molasses</b>				
Gals '000	4,034.0	0.0	6,828.5	4,256.3
Value	3,110.4	3.5	5,342.8	3,629.3
<b>Orange Concentrate</b>				
Gals '000	517.2	414.7	1,407.5	1,683.9
Value	12,360.2	11,140.7	34,386.8	46,103.5
<b>Grapefruit Concentrate</b>				
Gals '000	36.4	47.5	105.0	207.5
Value	837.7	1,015.5	2,293.7	4,470.6
<b>Bananas</b>				
M/Ton	7,060.6	7,887.6	37,297.3	29,956.2
Value	6,942.4	7,803.4	36,673.0	29,636.4
<b>Sawn Wood</b>				
Bd Ft '000	31.0	20.9	87.8	37.5
Value	468.5	479.5	705.4	604.2
<b>Papayas</b>				
Lbs '000	340.2	924.0	1,818.6	5,027.4
Value	127.1	467.9	736.4	2,859.3
<b>Crude Oil</b>				
Gallons '000	-	-	5,622.4	5,647.5
Value	-	-	11,385.2	7,090.6
<b>Other Export</b>				
Value	10,454.3	7,869.2	38,190.6	28,769.0
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>72,604.4</b>	<b>56,344.0</b>	<b>237,614.3</b>	<b>195,055.0</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	May		January - May	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Pepper Sauce</b>				
Lbs	207.2	80.5	587.8	474.2
Value	556.5	199.8	1,607.4	1,064.4
<b>Orange Oil</b>				
Lbs	421.4	454.0	1,502.2	1,372.0
Value	2,568.4	1,432.0	8,495.2	4,369.3
<b>Grapefruit Oil</b>				
Lbs	16.1	32.5	20.5	46.0
Value	436.5	816.8	636.2	1,083.5
<b>R.K. Beans</b>				
Lbs	826.2	999.4	3,689.1	5,617.1
Value	887.8	836.6	3,739.3	4,231.0
<b>Black Eye Peas</b>				
Lbs	645.4	380.8	4,058.1	1,244.0
Value	609.3	313.2	3,212.1	1,214.5
<b>Pulp Cells</b>				
Lbs	684.9	970.3	1,319.3	3,438.1
Value	487.7	690.6	457.0	2,425.5
<b>Animal Feed</b>				
Lbs	15,859.9	15,211.7	54,431.9	59,388.2
Value	2,400.4	2,242.8	8,717.8	9,251.3
<b>Corn Meal</b>				
Lbs	296.7	280.0	1,927.2	1,551.2
Value	123.8	103.4	780.5	620.8
<b>Other Value</b>				
Value	64,534.0	1,234.0	10,545.1	4,508.6
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>72,604.4</b>	<b>7,869.2</b>	<b>38,190.6</b>	<b>28,769.0</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16	May-17	May-16
United Arab Emirates	1,416.0	1,026.5	102.9	180.1	-	-	102.9	180.1
Republic Of Austria	448.2	551.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	1,049.1	1,024.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	154.8	1,060.1	-	-	-	1.5	-	1.5
Germany,Fedl.Rep.of	929.4	5,096.1	563.7	2.9	19.7	1.7	583.5	4.6
Denmark	843.5	459.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	11,317.3	13,874.0	432.4	484.8	142.6	265.9	575.0	750.7
Honduras	3,969.2	2,508.2	6.2	6.4	1,857.2	689.8	1,863.4	696.2
India	2,601.1	1,770.7	119.7	-	13.4	91.1	133.1	91.1
Japan	915.4	1,657.8	43.6	351.8	3.5	6.1	47.1	357.9
South Korea	2,647.1	1,291.0	-	12.1	-	-	-	12.1
Lithuania	-	38.1	-	-	-	3.2	-	3.2
Malaysia	229.5	313.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands (Holland)	565.7	1,347.1	1,862.7	1,845.8	-	-	1,862.7	1,845.8
Russian Federation	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	2,484.5	1,500.4	-	25.4	458.1	5.6	458.1	31.0
Thailand	1,269.5	410.8	-	-	0.8	-	0.8	-
New Taiwan	789.9	328.9	591.3	-	-	-	591.3	-
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam	1,077.1	410.2	-	-	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 May 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-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016
Food and Live Animals	90,196.0	99,040.6	208,814.3	179,528.4	52.8	918.1	208,867.1	180,446.5	118,671.1	81,405.9
Beverages and Tobacco	14,787.7	15,525.0	159.8	32.3	672.7	665.1	832.5	697.4	-13,955.1	-14,827.6
Crude Materials	15,521.3	16,731.0	1,438.8	1,405.7	3.9	7.9	1,442.8	1,413.6	-14,078.5	-15,317.4
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	92,198.5	71,091.1	11,478.6	7,194.9	8,508.8	4,666.2	19,987.4	11,861.2	-72,211.1	-59,229.9
Oils and Fats	7,280.5	5,948.7	88.1	23.9	3.1	20.7	91.2	44.5	-7,189.3	-5,904.2
Chemical Products	69,342.1	69,398.6	12,097.8	6,466.5	4,555.9	834.0	16,653.7	7,300.5	-52,688.4	-62,098.1
Manufactured goods	101,974.4	92,974.1	3,354.2	302.8	31,255.5	1,296.5	34,609.7	1,599.3	-67,364.7	-91,374.9
Mach. & Transp. Eq	154,532.3	206,328.4	-	6.1	4,289.7	5,692.3	4,289.7	5,698.4	-150,242.6	-200,630.0
Oth. Manufactures	67,465.7	63,031.0	182.6	94.7	10,858.0	8,579.5	11,040.6	8,674.1	-56,425.1	-54,356.8
Commodities n.e.s	321.4	182.5	-	-	-	14.7	-	14.7	-321.4	-167.7
Commercial Free Zone	107,849.8	110,378.7	-	-	16,734.7	9,350.1	16,734.7	9,350.1	-91,115.1	-101,028.6
Export Processing Zones	16,577.1	24,667.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-16,577.1	-24,667.5
Personal Goods	1,600.1	1,258.3	-	-	656.6	104.5	656.6	104.5	-943.5	-1,153.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>739,646.8</b>	<b>776,555.4</b>	<b>237,614.3</b>	<b>195,055.0</b>	<b>77,591.7</b>	<b>32,149.7</b>	<b>315,206.0</b>	<b>227,204.7</b>	<b>-424,440.8*</b>	<b>-549,350.7*</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 May of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016
United States of America	272,574.5	306,925.9	37,961.6	48,778.2	22,890.9	12,933.1	60,852.5	61,711.2
Mexico	83,827.9	86,060.5	702.8	277.6	437.3	1,117.2	1,140.2	1,394.8
United Kingdom	6,077.3	10,506.5	113,288.5	78,753.0	288.6	445.5	113,577.1	79,198.5
Other European Union	29,101.0	25,988.9	35,215.8	23,035.4	30,788.8	176.0	66,004.6	23,211.4
Panama	27,230.4	21,007.4	42.6	333.2	2,241.9	846.7	2,284.4	1,179.9
Costa Rica	9,501.7	11,028.0	2.0	4.3	28.9	0.3	30.9	4.5
Other Central America	79,539.5	78,011.5	2,722.3	3,207.8	11,183.0	4,985.8	13,905.3	8,193.5
Caricom	18,651.2	21,147.4	32,621.5	28,335.2	810.6	697.4	33,432.1	29,032.6
Canada	9,296.8	5,995.3	255.7	662.1	226.2	218.3	481.8	880.3
Curaçao	70,920.6	52,983.9	-	-	0.3	-	0.3	-
China	64,279.4	77,275.3	0.0	-	591.9	1,472.9	591.9	1,472.9
Other	68,646.6	79,624.7	14,801.6	11,668.3	8,103.3	9,256.6	22,904.9	20,924.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>739,646.8</b>	<b>776,555.4</b>	<b>237,614.3</b>	<b>195,055.0</b>	<b>77,591.7</b>	<b>32,149.7</b>	<b>315,206.0</b>	<b>227,204.7</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 May 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-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016
Food and Live Animals	2,430.3	2,968.7	20,708.0	20,545.6	20.0	-	20,727.9	20,545.6	18,297.6	17,576.9
Beverages and Tobacco	8,227.9	9,605.3	13.4	-	33.5	0.4	46.9	0.4	-8,181.0	-9,604.9
Crude Materials	85.7	184.3	88.3	363.2	-	-	88.3	363.2	2.6	178.9
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	2.0	0.3	11,385.2	7,090.6	-	-	11,385.2	7,090.6	11,383.2	7,090.2
Oils and Fats	2.8	1.9	87.2	-	-	-	87.2	-	84.4	-1.9
Chemical Products	3,226.8	2,130.6	99.2	159.1	-	-	99.2	159.1	-3,127.7	-1,971.5
Manufactured goods	2,504.7	3,103.9	240.3	176.6	264.6	299.1	505.0	475.7	-1,999.8	-2,628.2
Mach. & Transp. Eqt	849.0	1,656.8	-	-	100.9	74.3	100.9	74.3	-748.1	-1,582.6
Oth. Manufactures	1,322.0	1,400.6	-	0.2	28.4	203.5	28.4	203.7	-1,293.6	-1,196.9
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>18,651.2</b>	<b>21,147.4</b>	<b>32,621.5</b>	<b>28,335.2</b>	<b>810.6</b>	<b>697.4</b>	<b>33,432.1</b>	<b>29,032.6</b>	<b>14,780.9*</b>	<b>7,885.1*</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 May of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan-May 2016
Antigua & Barbuda	-	1.1	60.4	89.6	-	-	60.4	89.6
Barbados	837.6	1,345.5	12,396.6	8,754.6	-	-	12,396.6	8,754.6
Dominica	240.3	867.9	-	-	70.1	87.6	70.1	87.6
Grenada	1,287.1	1,285.2	22.2	19.1	20.0	-	42.2	19.1
Guyana	841.6	754.0	770.8	800.4	462.5	73.9	1,233.3	874.2
Haiti	-	26.4	1,162.6	148.7	28.0	-	1,190.6	148.7
Jamaica	5,201.5	4,585.4	12,130.0	10,438.9	0.2	50.6	12,130.2	10,489.5
St. Kitts & Nevis	464.4	619.8	123.5	112.0	-	-	123.5	112.0
St. Lucia	713.2	797.7	99.8	75.8	40.0	5.5	139.8	81.3
Montserrat	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	-	0.4	-	49.2	-	153.3	-	202.5
Trinidad & Tobago	7,887.1	9,112.9	5,855.5	7,847.0	20.5	120.7	5,876.0	7,967.7
St Vincent & Gren.	1,173.9	1,751.0	-	-	169.3	205.8	169.3	205.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,651.2</b>	<b>21,147.4</b>	<b>32,621.5</b>	<b>28,335.2</b>	<b>810.6</b>	<b>697.4</b>	<b>33,432.1</b>	<b>29,032.6</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			May		January - May	
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Consumer Goods</b>							
11: Food and beverages	196,240.8	200,155.3	206,184	15,320.8	19,871.3	79,049	86,241
12: Transport equipment	16,144.9	24,285.5	19,291	1,124.0	2,630.3	5,579	7,777
13: Durable goods	44,459.6	53,822.2	59,647	3,774.0	5,020.2	18,773	22,564
14: Semi-durable goods	52,262.5	59,234.8	69,971	6,298.6	4,597.2	25,225	23,410
15: Non-durable goods	106,878.9	115,310.2	108,192	10,248.6	10,146.6	46,389	41,773
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>							
21: Food and beverages	28,029.4	28,325.5	28,102	2,930.7	2,695.0	12,012	12,011
22: Fuels and lubricants	190,886.5	136,155.9	117,217	10,391.9	11,913.2	58,101	47,154
23: Parts and accessories	89,375.3	128,561.1	127,437	8,023.7	15,264.0	42,520	67,500
24: Industrial supplies nes	393,726.2	422,219.7	424,769	41,717.5	37,058.4	176,827	171,858
<b>Capital Goods</b>							
31: Transport equipment	57,183.1	58,294.8	62,894	4,391.9	4,141.4	19,317	24,123
32: Other capital goods	161,115.9	208,061.8	210,269	20,936.6	20,748.9	80,403	93,256
<b>Other Goods</b>							
41: Passenger motor cars	30,772.7	32,011.6	42,343	2,197.8	3,266.5	13,682	16,991
42: Motor spirit	103,632.4	83,747.3	69,944	4,670.1	6,694.5	34,301	23,829
43: Goods to EPZ	115,153.4	115,827.8	45,348	4,578.8	3,083.7	16,577	24,668
44: Goods to CFZ	327,084.6	317,120.4	305,484	24,273.5	20,381.2	107,850	110,379
45: Household goods	6,511.8	5,039.4	3,919	297.4	482.1	1,600	1,258
46: Goods nes	5,339.4	4,571.5	4,553	165.7	405.8	1,442	1,764
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>1,924,797.4</b>	<b>1,992,744.8</b>	<b>1,905,564.2</b>	<b>161,341.5</b>	<b>168,400.3</b>	<b>739,647</b>	<b>776,555</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>716,863.0</b>	<b>627,924.8</b>	<b>492,524.3</b>	<b>114,170.7</b>	<b>65,186.9</b>	<b>315,206.0</b>	<b>227,204.7</b>
<b>Visible Trade Gap</b>	<b>-902,324.9*</b>	<b>-1,068,993.5*</b>	<b>-1,133,858.1*</b>	<b>-47,170.8*</b>	<b>-103,213.4*</b>	<b>-424,441*</b>	<b>-549,351*</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