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IMPORTS DOWN 9.5%, EXPORTS DOWN 61.8% IN AUGUST

IMPORTS

AUGUST 2017: Belize's total imports for the month of August 2017 were valued at \$143.2 million. This was a decrease of 9.5 percent or \$15 million from imports for August 2016, which totaled \$158.2 million (see Figure 1).

Imports into the 'Commercial Free Zones' recorded the largest drop for the month, falling by a considerable 35 percent or \$9.1 million to almost \$17 million (see Table 1), with items such as cigarettes, bags and women's clothing being among the goods recording decreases. The categories of 'Machinery Transport Equipment' and 'Other Manufactures' also saw notable reductions for the month of August 2017 (see Table 1). While reduced imports of telecommunications equipment and motor boats drove the former down by \$6 million from \$39 million to \$33 million, decreased purchases of sporting equipment, prefabricated buildings and lighting fixtures led to the \$3.6 million drop in the latter, from \$18 million to \$14.4 million. In addition, the 'Beverages and Tobacco' category was down by more than one half, from \$3.4 million to \$1.5 million, as the country imported less cigarettes and alcoholic beverages for the month of August 2017 (see Table 1).

These decreases, however, were partially offset by greater imports of 'Food and Live Animals', 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' and 'Chemical Products'. Increased imports of wheat seeds prompted the \$2 million growth in the 'Food and Live Animals' category during the month, from \$16.7 million to \$18.7 million. Higher imports of Premium fuel were largely responsible for the \$1.9 million rise in the 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' category, from \$16.1 million to \$18 million, notwithstanding the fact that the quantity of Diesel fuel imported fell by a half. Furthermore, the month of August saw noticeably more imports of insecticides, PVC pipes and medicines in comparison to the same month of last year. As a result, the 'Chemical Products' category went up by \$1.9 million, from \$11.3 million to \$13.2 million.

FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE YEAR: Merchandise imports for the eight months January to August 2017 totaled \$1.2 billion, representing a 5.8 percent or \$74 million decrease from the same period last year (see Table 8).

Imports declined markedly across five categories over the period, including 'Machinery and Transport Equipment', 'Commercial Free Zones', 'Food and Live Animals', 'Export Processing Zones' and 'Other Manufactures', which together fell by a combined \$115.2 million. Among these, the most significant decline was recorded for 'Machinery and Transport Equipment', which dropped by \$74 million, from \$318.7 million to \$244.5 million during the eight month period. However, increased spending on 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants', 'Chemical Products' and 'Manufactured Goods', which together grew by over \$39 million, served to partially offset the period's decreases (see Table 8).

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

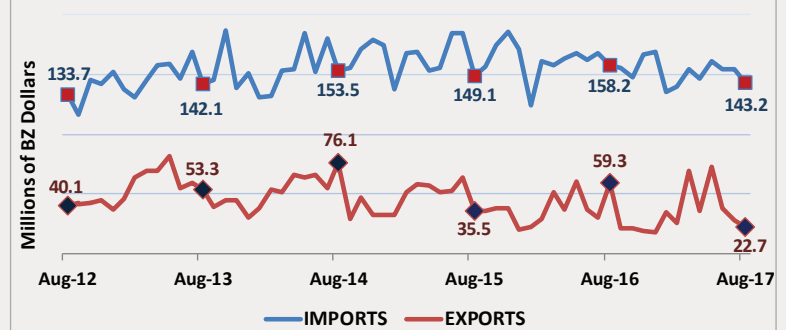
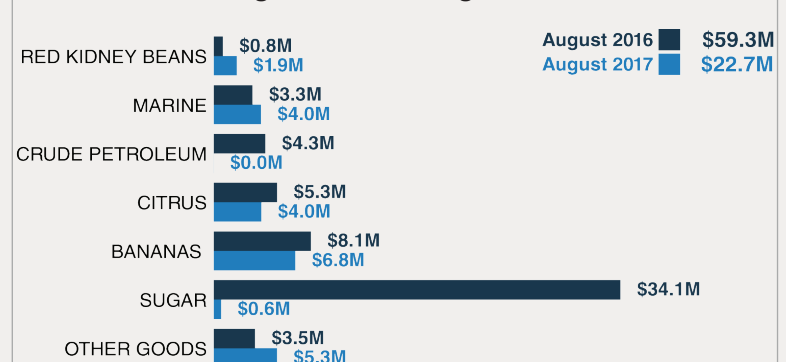


Figure 2: Composition of Gross Imports by Type; August 2017

MANUFACTURED GOODS & OTHER MANUFACTURES	MACHINERY & TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	33.0 MILLION
	COMMERCIAL FREE ZONE & EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES	19.2 MILLION
	FOOD & LIVE ANIMALS	18.7 MILLION
	MINERAL FUELS & LUBRICANTS	18.0 MILLION
	CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	13.2 MILLION
	ALL OTHER GOODS	6.2 MILLION
TOTAL = 143.2 MILLION		

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



EXPORTS

AUGUST 2017: Total domestic exports for August 2017 amounted to \$22.7 million, down 61.8 percent or \$36.7 million when compared to the \$59.3 million recorded for August 2016 (see Table 5).

A difference in the timing of bulk sugar shipments for 2017 compared to 2016 was the primary cause of the plummet in export earnings for the month. While in August 2016 Belize exported \$34.1 million in bulk sugar, during August 2017 sugar exports comprised only of bagged sugar, valued at a minimal \$0.6 million. Further adding to the decline, there was an almost across the board drop in the country's other major exports during the month. There were no sales of crude petroleum for August 2017, in contrast to \$4.3 million in export earnings from this commodity in August of 2016. Receipts from citrus products fell by one fourth, from \$5.3 million to almost \$4 million, owing mainly to reduced orange concentrate exports, while banana sales went down from \$8.1 million to \$6.8 million. On the other hand, marine exports saw marginal growth of \$0.7 million, from \$3.3 million in August 2016 to nearly \$4 million in the same month of 2017, as lobster tail exports almost doubled, from \$1.2 million to \$2.3 million. Of note, the month also saw heightened exports of red kidney beans, with sales for that good rising from \$0.8 million to \$1.9 million.

Exports to the United Kingdom were down significantly during the month, falling sharply by \$26.7 million from \$31.9 million in 2016 to \$5.2 million in 2017, due for the most part to the reduction in sugar sales. Lower exports of sugar, orange concentrate and bananas led to a \$7.8 million drop in earnings from the rest of the European Union, from \$11 million to \$3.1 million. The absence of crude petroleum sales for the month was the principal cause of the \$2.8 million falloff in revenues from the CARICOM region. The European Union as a whole accounted for more than one third of the country's exports for the month, while CARICOM and the United States each accounted for more than a quarter of total export revenue (see Figure 4).

FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE YEAR: Merchandise exports for the period January to August 2017 totaled \$327.4 million, up 1.9 percent or \$6.2 million from the \$321.2 million recorded during the same period last year (see Table 5).

Three of the five major exports saw increases during the eight month period, contributing positively to the overall growth in export earnings. Sugar exports rose from \$102.1 million in 2016 to \$109.8 million in 2017, while banana sales went up from \$50.2 million to \$53.5 million. The marine category, largely due to higher shrimp and lobster tail exports, increased by \$2.7 million over the period, from \$22.3 million to almost \$25 million. In contrast, citrus products, Belize's second largest export revenue earner, saw earnings for the January to August period decrease by approximately \$14 million, from \$80.8 million in 2016 to \$66.8 million in 2017. There was virtually no change in crude petroleum exports over the period, with earnings declining by a negligible \$0.7 million in comparison to the same eight months of 2016.

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



Table 1: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for August 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			
	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16
Food and Live Animals	18,675.1	16,709.1	19,039.1	53,288.4	-	171.5	19,039.1	53,460.0	364	36,751
Beverages and Tobacco	1,509.4	3,397.4	286.2	28.6	596.40	188.2	882.6	216.8	(627)	(3,181)
Crude Materials	2,694.8	2,443.2	1,742.0	600.6	-	-	1,742.0	600.6	(953)	(1,843)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	18,007.0	16,074.1	21.9	4,352.5	928.59	1,344.8	950.5	5,697.3	(17,057)	(10,377)
Oils and Fats	1,624.1	1,317.6	87.2	-	-	-	87.2	-	(1,537)	(1,318)
Chemical Products	13,217.7	11,312.7	996.4	167.8	859.93	105.9	1,856.4	273.7	(11,361)	(11,039)
Manufactured Goods	20,555.7	20,618.6	430.0	878.2	414.40	199.1	844.4	1,077.3	(19,711)	(19,541)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	32,956.5	38,955.3	10.1	-	379.23	617.6	389.3	617.6	(32,567)	(38,338)
Other Manufactures	14,405.2	18,047.7	67.3	32.5	2,329.04	1,572.4	2,396.3	1,604.9	(12,009)	(16,443)
Commodities n.e.s	-	8.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9)
Commercial Free Zone	16,966.7	26,083.5	-	-	1,930.56	1,582.6	1,930.6	1,582.6	(15,036)	(24,501)
Export Processing Zones	2,267.5	2,928.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,268)	(2,928)
Personal Goods	343.1	334.6	-	-	72.96	227.4	73.0	227.4	(270)	(107)
Total	143,222.8	158,230.6	22,680.2	59,348.7	7,511.12	6,009.5	30,191.3	65,358.2	-113,031.5*	-92,872.4*

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 August of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16
United States of America	57,404.8	62,740.5	6,104.5	5,693.4	2,927.8	2,641.0	9,032.4	8,334.5
Mexico	18,323.1	17,575.8	32.6	130.0	639.5	649.1	672.1	779.1
United Kingdom	3,343.3	1,726.3	5,230.3	31,912.8	6.0	109.3	5,236.3	32,022.0
Other European Union	3,823.1	2,007.0	3,107.4	10,957.1	133.2	21.9	3,240.6	10,979.0
Panama	2,436.2	4,732.4	-	37.8	75.5	50.0	75.5	87.8
Costa Rica	1,313.5	1,840.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Central America	16,305.1	13,747.3	332.2	519.1	1,288.7	565.9	1,620.9	1,085.0
Caricom	2,657.3	4,883.7	6,248.7	9,008.4	106.6	36.3	6,355.2	9,044.7
Canada	1,060.2	2,441.5	52.9	239.8	26.7	44.1	79.6	283.9
Curaçao	12,762.5	12,136.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	13,599.3	21,525.1	91.2	-	580.3	70.9	671.5	70.9
Other	10,194.4	12,874.0	1,480.4	850.3	1,726.8	1,820.9	3,207.2	2,671.2
Total	143,222.8	158,230.6	22,680.2	59,348.7	7,511.1	6,009.5	30,191.3	65,358.2

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 August 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			
	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16
Food and Live Animals	508.2	431.3	5,935.4	4,642.9	-	-	5,935.4	4,642.9	5,427	4,212
Beverages and Tobacco	516.2	2,722.7	-	21.6	-	-	-	21.6	(516)	(2,701)
Crude Materials	69.6	41.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	(70)	(41)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	-	-	-	4,336.7	-	-	-	4,336.7	-	4,337
Oils and Fats	-	-	87.2	-	-	-	87.2	-	87	-
Chemical Products	434.6	606.1	79.5	7.3	-	-	79.5	7.3	(355)	(599)
Manufactured goods	656.7	340.0	69.7	-	77.6	36.3	147.4	36.3	(509)	(304)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	278.5	322.8	10.1	-	28.9	-	39.0	-	(239)	(323)
Oth. Manufactures	193.5	395.8	66.8	-	-	-	66.8	-	(127)	(396)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Export Processing Zones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Goods	-	23.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24)
Total	2,657.3	4,883.7	6,248.7	9,008.4	106.6	36.3	6,355.2	9,044.7	3,698.0	4,161.0*

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ

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

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16
Antigua & Barbuda	-	413.8	33.6	-	-	-	33.6	-
Barbados	213.7	12.3	98.9	4,470.8	-	-	98.9	4,470.8
Dominica	191.0	-	76.5	-	-	-	76.5	-
Grenada	221.7	335.2	21.3	-	28.9	-	50.2	-
Guyana	52.7	-	200.7	256.6	-	-	200.7	256.6
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	513.6	1,377.8	3,710.8	2,794.6	-	-	3,710.8	2,794.6
St-Kitts & Nevis	-	124.5	-	29.1	-	-	-	29.1
St-Lucia	89.8	303.9	52.3	-	53.4	-	105.8	-
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surinam	-	-	65.2	-	-	-	65.2	-
Trinidad & Tobago	1,374.8	2,316.0	1,989.1	1,457.3	-	-	1,989.1	1,457.3
St Vincent & Gren.	-	0.2	0.3	-	24.2	36.3	24.5	36.3
Total	2,657.3	4,883.7	6,248.7	9,008.4	106.6	36.3	6,355.2	9,044.7

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	August		January - August	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Marine Products				
Lbs '000	2,547.1	241.9	1,992.3	1,823.4
Value	3,965.2	3,251.5	25,039.4	22,288.9
Sugar				
L/Ton	513.1	39,365.9	116,246.9	123,605.9
Value	625.8	34,063.6	109,761.4	102,052.2
Molasses				
Gals '000	725.4	13.8	10,999.9	8,252.0
Value	476.9	18.4	8,578.1	7,029.3
Orange Concentrate				
Gals '000	112.8	196.4	2,095.6	2,511.0
Value	2,949.5	4,612.0	50,606.4	66,670.0
Grapefruit Concentrate				
Gals '000	11.5	17.8	152.9	303.8
Value	239.5	376.7	3,341.7	6,509.2
Bananas				
M/Ton	6,963.3	8,227.3	54,458.9	50,704.8
Value	6,846.7	8,139.4	53,547.3	50,163.5
Sawn Wood				
Bd Ft '000	185.8	22.2	418.6	343.2
Value	1,548.6	240.3	3,869.1	3,149.2
Papayas				
Lbs '000	378.0	336.0	2,952.6	6,917.4
Value	161.4	129.1	1,212.5	3,696.4
Crude Oil				
Gallons '000	-	2,795.2	8,386.7	11,221.1
Value	-	4,336.7	16,480.7	16,859.6
Other Export				
Value	5,866.6	4,180.4	54,963.0	42,764.8
Total Value	22,680.2	59,348.1	327,399.5	321,183.0

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	August		January - August	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Pepper Sauce				
Lbs	147.0	142.6	949.4	908.2
Value	386.1	336.3	2,536.7	2,085.2
Orange Oil				
Lbs	94.2	6.1	1,868.5	1,606.6
Value	724.9	35.8	10,701.5	5,225.3
Grapefruit Oil				
Lbs	-	-	22.7	49.7
Value	-	-	730.3	1,148.8
R.K. Beans				
Lbs	1,834.0	931.6	7,292.4	8,769.7
Value	1,932.8	774.5	7,509.2	6,992.5
Black Eye Peas				
Lbs	363.7	352.5	4,796.9	2,318.1
Value	301.6	254.1	3,830.5	2,032.8
Pulp Cells				
Lbs	347.5	4.2	2,172.6	3,671.2
Value	246.8	4.7	1,424.0	2,609.4
Animal Feed				
Lbs	2,909.5	1,858.4	64,617.6	76,875.6
Value	500.2	340.7	10,675.6	11,860.7
Corn Meal				
Lbs	265.3	235.3	2,853.1	2,510.8
Value	102.9	95.9	1,148.2	1,023.4
Other Value				
Value	1,671.2	2,338.3		
Total Value	5,866.6	4,180.4	54,963.0	42,764.8

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-16
United Arab Emirates	-	434.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republic Of Austria	254.5	351.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	755.3	775.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	575.3	317.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany,Fedl.Rep.of	579.7	225.6	3.5	0.4	0.5	-	4.0	0.4
Denmark	716.2	180.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	10,540.6	9,145.9	307.5	506.0	201.5	101.4	509.0	607.4
Honduras	3,958.5	3,283.0	-	6.4	1,046.4	523.0	1,046.4	529.4
India	869.0	1,566.8	-	-	185.4	-	185.4	-
Japan	836.3	1,111.9	198.7	85.9	2.3	71.8	201.0	157.7
South Korea	924.7	1,426.4	-	-	-	9.4	-	9.4
Lithuania	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	221.3	457.4	-	-	1.5	-	1.5	-
Netherlands (Holland)	895.3	600.1	1,077.0	7,513.7	-	-	1,077.0	7,513.7
Russian Federation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	1,795.7	1,678.5	24.7	6.6	-	-	24.7	6.6
Thailand	446.7	787.5	-	398.2	1.2	2.4	1.2	400.6
New Taiwan	989.3	685.0	423.6	366.2	-	-	423.6	366.2
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	153.1	-	153.1
Vietnam	1,004.6	1,556.7	605.1	-	5.7	-	610.9	-

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 August 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-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016
Food and Live Animals	143,282.4	156,031.5	283,381.6	289,882.8	55.0	1,378.9	283,436.6	291,261.6	140,154.2	135,230.1
Beverages and Tobacco	22,879.7	23,770.1	492.9	125.9	1,477.6	3,552.6	1,970.5	3,678.5	-20,909.1	-20,091.6
Crude Materials	25,695.3	24,370.9	5,441.7	5,003.6	482.2	34.9	5,923.9	5,038.5	-19,771.4	-19,332.4
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	146,970.6	122,770.2	16,604.2	17,011.3	12,820.1	8,532.3	29,424.3	25,543.6	-117,546.3	-97,226.6
Oils and Fats	11,281.0	9,519.7	175.3	111.0	3.1	20.7	178.4	131.7	-11,102.6	-9,388.0
Chemical Products	122,168.6	111,991.3	15,064.5	7,610.6	7,107.8	1,231.5	22,172.2	8,842.1	-99,996.3	-103,149.2
Manufactured goods	159,480.6	154,552.8	5,964.4	1,289.4	1,777.1	1,855.5	7,741.5	3,144.8	-151,739.1	-151,408.0
Mach. & Transp. Eq	244,538.3	318,659.3	10.1	13.1	9,040.1	7,360.0	9,050.2	7,373.1	-235,488.1	-311,286.2
Oth. Manufactures	109,252.8	115,496.0	264.8	135.9	16,476.5	16,222.7	16,741.3	16,358.6	-92,511.5	-99,137.3
Commodities n.e.s	323.6	543.7	-	-	-	14.7	-	14.7	-323.6	-528.9
Commercial Free Zone	178,386.8	191,598.3	-	-	26,364.2	14,350.1	26,364.2	14,350.1	-152,022.6	-177,248.2
Export Processing Zones	25,074.6	33,968.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-25,074.6	-33,968.2
Personal Goods	2,300.5	2,370.2	-	-	844.1	556.1	844.1	556.1	-1,456.5	-1,814.0
Total	1,191,634.6	1,265,642.1	327,399.5	321,183.6	76,447.7	55,110.0	403,847.2	376,293.6	-787,787.4*	-889,348.5*

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 August of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016
United States of America	430,634.2	484,516.5	66,063.1	76,345.6	35,590.2	24,859.3	101,653.3	101,204.9
Mexico	135,032.6	139,730.4	781.9	453.5	1,229.2	2,221.8	2,011.0	2,675.3
United Kingdom	14,120.2	18,321.3	128,977.8	120,132.2	620.9	616.0	129,598.7	120,748.2
Other European Union	41,036.9	38,794.7	48,608.6	49,346.7	693.6	306.5	49,302.2	49,653.3
Panama	40,838.2	42,678.9	76.6	417.0	5,201.6	1,494.6	5,278.2	1,911.5
Costa Rica	14,807.8	16,772.2	2.0	8.5	28.9	19.4	30.9	27.9
Other Central America	130,748.3	121,960.9	4,480.9	4,449.9	16,498.4	7,231.4	20,979.4	11,681.3
Caricom	31,592.6	35,102.6	55,539.8	51,959.5	1,135.2	876.1	56,675.0	52,835.6
Canada	14,038.7	11,680.5	606.5	902.0	326.8	431.5	933.3	1,333.5
Curaçao	111,896.9	92,709.4	-	-	0.6	-	0.6	-
China	113,766.9	139,060.9	91.2	-	1,958.3	1,987.1	2,049.5	1,987.1
Other	113,121.4	124,313.9	22,171.1	17,168.8	13,164.2	15,066.3	35,335.3	32,235.0
TOTAL	1,191,634.6	1,265,642.1	327,399.5	321,183.6	76,447.7	55,110.0	403,847.2	376,293.6

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 August 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-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016
Food and Live Animals	4,150.9	4,488.1	37,982.9	34,011.4	20.0	0.1	38,002.8	34,011.4	33,851.9	29,523.3
Beverages and Tobacco	12,769.4	15,505.7	18.6	21.6	33.5	0.6	52.1	22.1	-12,717.4	-15,483.5
Crude Materials	168.8	235.4	88.3	505.0	-	-	88.3	505.0	-80.5	269.6
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	2.0	0.4	16,480.7	16,859.6	-	-	16,480.7	16,859.6	16,478.7	16,859.2
Oils and Fats	2.8	3.1	174.3	87.2	-	-	174.3	87.2	171.5	84.1
Chemical Products	6,164.5	5,859.1	272.1	225.0	-	-	272.1	225.0	-5,892.3	-5,634.1
Manufactured goods	4,321.9	4,071.4	446.0	249.6	552.9	421.6	998.9	671.2	-3,323.0	-3,400.2
Mach. & Transp. Eqt	1,689.4	2,530.5	10.1	-	132.7	75.8	142.8	75.8	-1,546.6	-2,454.8
Oth. Manufactures	1,884.2	2,277.3	66.8	0.2	28.4	227.7	95.2	227.9	-1,789.0	-2,049.4
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Commercial Free Zone	438.7	-	-	-	0.7	120.2	0.7	120.2	-437.9	120.2
Export Processing Zones	-	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-7.8
Personal Goods	-	123.7	-	-	367.0	30.3	367.0	30.3	367.0	-93.4
TOTAL	31,592.6	35,102.6	55,539.8	51,959.5	1,135.2	876.1	56,675.0	52,835.6	25,082.4*	17,733.0*

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 August of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016	Jan-Aug 2017	Jan-Aug 2016
Antigua & Barbuda	438.7	428.4	93.9	120.9	-	-	93.9	120.9
Barbados	1,341.3	1,744.6	18,459.0	19,424.1	-	1.5	18,459.0	19,425.6
Dominica	595.1	894.6	112.4	-	122.7	122.7	235.1	122.7
Grenada	2,072.6	2,173.9	198.2	73.2	48.9	-	247.1	73.2
Guyana	1,389.6	1,064.3	1,250.9	1,295.3	462.5	73.9	1,713.4	1,369.1
Haiti	-	26.4	1,162.6	376.7	28.0	-	1,190.6	376.7
Jamaica	7,812.6	8,748.6	22,388.9	17,935.1	9.0	81.1	22,397.9	18,016.1
St. Kitts & Nevis	655.5	868.8	160.2	196.8	-	-	160.2	196.8
St. Lucia	1,549.2	2,038.0	152.2	123.1	177.4	8.2	329.5	131.3
Montserrat	4.6	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	-	0.4	142.3	49.2	-	177.5	142.3	226.7
Trinidad & Tobago	14,433.4	14,903.4	11,401.1	12,365.2	20.5	120.7	11,421.6	12,485.9
St Vincent & Gren.	1,300.1	2,211.0	18.1	-	266.2	290.5	284.3	290.5
Total	31,592.6	35,102.6	55,539.8	51,959.5	1,135.2	876.1	56,675.0	52,835.6

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	August			January - August	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Consumer Goods						
11: Food and beverages	206,184	15,913.9	15,121.9	126,909	137,835	
12: Transport equipment	19,291	643.7	2,857.1	9,376	12,730	
13: Durable goods	59,647	5,092.4	5,822.6	33,716	37,248	
14: Semi-durable goods	69,971	5,195.6	8,237.2	40,407	44,312	
15: Non-durable goods	108,192	10,818.7	8,758.7	79,175	70,871	
Intermediate Goods						
21: Food and beverages	28,102	2,298.0	2,811.1	18,099	19,770	
22: Fuels and lubricants	117,217	9,717.0	9,824.0	90,800	79,645	
23: Parts and accessories	127,437	8,981.0	9,811.8	67,069	95,856	
24: Industrial supplies nes	424,769	34,114.1	33,019.1	287,685	279,192	
Capital Goods						
31: Transport equipment	62,894	3,430.7	3,700.5	30,283	39,635	
32: Other capital goods	210,269	15,635.4	19,516.6	122,351	146,745	
Other Goods						
41: Passenger motor cars	42,343	3,184.4	2,637.2	21,460	27,150	
42: Motor spirit	69,944	8,395.8	6,220.2	56,394	43,099	
43: Goods to EPZ	45,348	2,267.5	2,928.1	25,075	33,968	
44: Goods to CFZ	305,484	16,966.7	26,083.5	178,387	191,598	
45: Household goods	3,919	343.1	334.6	2,301	2,370	
46: Goods nes	4,553	224.9	546.7	2,149	3,615	
Total Imports	1,905,564.2	143,222.8	158,230.6	1,191,635	1,265,642	
Total Exports	492,524.3	30,191.3	65,358.2	403,847.2	376,293.6	
Visible Trade Gap	-1,133,858.1*	-113,031.5*	-92,872.4*	-787,787*	-889,348*	

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 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017
Consumer Goods					
11. Food and beverages	52,334.1	52,892.9	52,170.9	45,375	51,880
12. Transport equipment	4,694.2	5,530.0	5,170.7	3,548	4,316
13. Durable goods	14,961.9	15,841.8	16,764.6	11,858	11,785
14. Semi-durable goods	17,071.7	18,849.2	20,511.7	14,820	15,728
15. Non-durable goods	29,625.7	28,700.6	27,812.7	26,689	31,145
Intermediate Goods					
21. Food and beverages	6,874.3	7,769.6	6,231.4	7,683	6,141
22. Fuels and lubricants	34,740.2	26,797.7	30,763.7	34,658	32,489
23. Parts and accessories	51,342.9	25,969.8	24,688.5	25,489	23,998
24. Industrial supplies nes	107,271.3	108,093.4	107,116.9	103,265	112,642
Capital Goods					
31. Transport equipment	11,755.1	17,634.2	17,334.4	12,388	9,898
32. Other capital goods	53,916.3	52,080.8	50,004.6	43,655	49,894
Other Goods					
41. Passenger motor cars	10,947.5	9,567.9	12,002.4	8,327	7,878
42. Motor spirit	20,177.7	19,936.0	18,590.7	19,669	20,203
43. Goods to EPZ	11,653.8	9,305.3	7,875.6	7,957	12,702
44. Goods to CFZ	65,061.6	80,831.0	85,145.4	64,031	70,770
45. Household goods	972.0	1,124.2	1,283.9	1,069	755
46. Goods nes	1,462.7	1,254.9	649.9	1,137	476
Total Imports	494,863.0	482,179.3	484,118.1	431,616	462,701
Total Exports	151,564.60	139,120.96	82,183.40	157,341.47	178,183.84
Visible Trade Gap	-343,298.4*	-343,058.3*	-401,934.7*	-274,275*	-284,517*

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ