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IMPORTS DOWN 7.2%, DOMESTIC EXPORTS UP 126.6% IN SEPTEMBER 2017

IMPORTS

SEPTEMBER 2017: During the month of September 2017, Belize's imported goods were valued at \$144.5 million, down by 7.2 percent or \$11.3 million from the \$155.8 million imported in September of 2016.

Imports declined across most categories during the month, with notable increases observed only in goods destined for the 'Commercial Free Zones' and in the importation of 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants'. Heightened purchases of footwear, clothing and perfumes led to an increase of more than one fourth in Commercial Free Zone imports, from \$28.7 million in September 2016 to \$36.3 million in September 2017, while greater imported quantities of diesel during the month prompted a \$2 million spike in the 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' category, from \$15 million to \$17 million.

The 'Machinery and Transport Equipment' category saw the greatest decline compared to the same month of last year, recording a \$5.8 million drop in imports, from \$31.8 million to \$26 million, due to reduced purchases of four-cylinder vehicles, diesel vehicles and fibre optic cables. Lowered imports of prefabricated steel buildings and laboratory equipment drove the importation of 'Other Manufactures' down by \$4.6 million, from \$16.1 million to \$11.5 million, while decreased purchases of various food items caused a \$3.3 million decrease in the 'Food and Live Animals' category, from \$18 million in September 2016 to \$14.7 million in the same month this year. The month also saw a notable reduction in the importation of 'Chemical Products', which fell by \$2.3 million from \$13.1 million to \$10.9 million as a result of lower imports of fertilizers and insecticides. 'Manufactured Goods' saw a \$1.9 million decline, from \$21.3 million to \$19.4 million, reflecting a drop in purchases of aluminium/zinc coils and steel rods. Importation of 'Crude Materials', most notably pine lumber, fell from \$3 million to \$1.5 million in September 2017, as the country purchased only half as much of this commodity as it did in September 2016.

FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR: Merchandise imports for January to September 2017 amounted to \$1.3 billion, representing a 6 percent or \$85.3 million decrease from the same period last year.

For the nine-month period and similar to what was recorded for the month of September, imports fell across most commodity categories, with 'Machinery and Transport Equipment' and 'Food and Live Animals' being those experiencing the steepest declines. 'Machinery and Transport Equipment' fell by almost \$80 million, from \$350.5 million in 2016 to \$270.5 million in 2017, owing largely to decreased purchases of telecommunication parts and four-cylinder vehicles, while diminished food imports, particularly coffee, lard (shortening) and soybean meal, led to the \$16 million drop in the 'Food and Live Animals' category from \$174 million to \$158 million. However, on account of higher fuel prices on the world market, Belize spent \$26.2 million more on 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' during the period, with that category going up from \$137.8 million in 2016 to \$163.9 million in 2017.

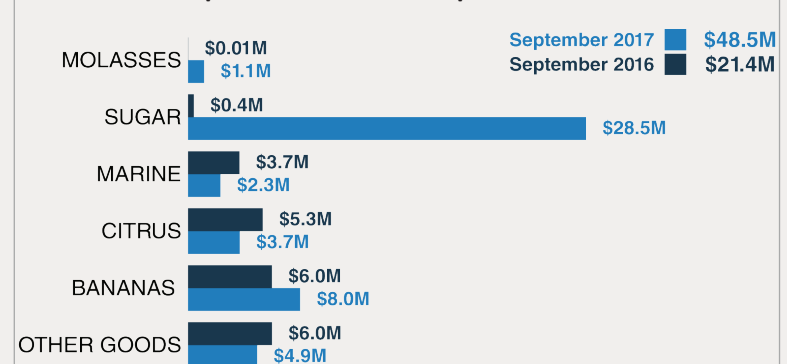
Figure 1: Monthly Gross Imports and Domestic Exports; September 2012 - September 2017



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

COMMERCIAL FREE ZONE & EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES	MANUFACTURED GOODS & OTHER MANUFACTURES		30.8 MILLION	
	39.2M	MACHINERY & TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT		26.0 MILLION
		MINERAL FUELS & LUBRICANTS		17.0 MILLION
		FOOD & LIVE ANIMALS		14.7 MILLION
		CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	ALL OTHER GOODS	10.9 MILLION / 6.0 MILLION
TOTAL = 144.5 MILLION				

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



EXPORTS

SEPTEMBER 2017: The total value of Belize's domestic exports for the month of September 2017 was \$48.5 million, this was more than twice that recorded for September 2016, which amounted to \$21.4 million.

A shipment of bulk sugar for the month was the source of the significant jump in export earnings. Since no bulk sugar was exported during the same month of last year, earnings from the country's top commodity saw a sharp jump, as export returns surged from \$0.4 million in September 2016 to \$28.5 million in September 2017. In addition, favourable banana sales resulted in a \$2 million growth in earnings from that major export, as revenues increased for the month of September from \$6 million in 2016 to \$8 million in 2017 (see Figure 3).

In contrast, both citrus and marine exports fell noticeably in September 2017. Diminished sales across the citrus category, most notably orange concentrate and orange oil, led to the \$1.6 million drop in earnings from citrus products, from \$5.3 million in September 2016 to \$3.7 million in the same month of this year. Meanwhile, the absence of shrimp exports for September 2017 was the main cause of a \$1.4 million decline in marine export revenues, which fell from \$3.7 million to \$2.3 million (see Figure 3).

Although exports to the European Union (EU) for September 2017 stood at \$37.5 million, a \$28.1 million increase from \$9.4 million in September 2016, exports to the United Kingdom (UK) fell from \$5.2 million in September 2016 to \$2.3 million in September 2017, while exports to the rest of the EU increased considerably by \$30.9 million, from \$4.3 million to \$35.2 million. This increase resulted from the redirection of Belize's bananas from the UK to the rest of the EU along with the EU being the recipient of Belize's bulk sugar export for the month of September 2017. While export revenues from the United States dwindled from \$5.8 million to \$4.4 million as Belize sold less mahogany to that country than it did last September, exports to the CARICOM region dropped from \$5 million to almost \$4 million, due to reduced orange concentrate sales (see Figure 4).

FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR: Merchandise exports for the period January to September 2017 totalled \$375.9 million, up 9.7 percent or \$33.3 million from the \$342.6 million recorded for same period last year.

Sugar was the main contributor to the overall growth in exports over the nine month period, as earnings for that commodity surged by more than one third or \$35.7 million, from \$102.5 million to \$138.2 million. Bananas and marine products also contributed positively to the spike in exports over this period. While banana sales went up from \$56.2 million to \$61.6 million, the marine category rose from \$25.9 million to \$27.4 million, owing to strong sales of lobster tails. Citrus products, on the other hand, saw export earnings decrease from \$88.7 million to \$71.9 million, as orange concentrate sales remained lower than they were for the January to September 2016 period. Earnings from crude petroleum exports remained nearly unchanged from 2016, with revenues of \$16.9 million in 2016 and \$16.5 million in 2017.

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

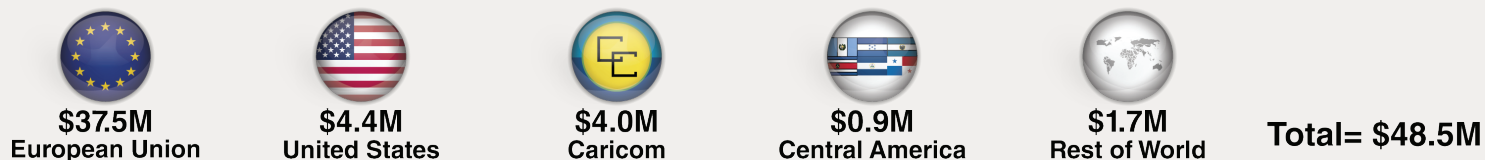


Table 1: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for September of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$'000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)						Balance of Trade	
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total			
	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16
Food and Live Animals	14,697.0	17,969.5	45,923.4	16,807.3	-	-	45,923.4	16,807.3	31,226	(1,162)
Beverages and Tobacco	3,104.3	3,816.6	12.5	49.2	170.71	935.8	183.2	985.0	(2,921)	(2,832)
Crude Materials	1,468.8	3,083.0	1,259.3	2,701.0	-	0.2	1,259.3	2,701.2	(210)	(382)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	16,968.8	14,999.4	28.0	9.5	1,103.58	1,339.4	1,131.6	1,349.0	(15,837)	(13,650)
Oils and Fats	1,109.8	1,118.6	-	87.7	-	-	-	87.7	(1,110)	(1,031)
Chemical Products	10,854.7	13,105.3	531.1	869.5	344.32	221.1	875.4	1,090.6	(9,979)	(12,015)
Manufactured Goods	19,389.7	21,332.7	635.9	841.6	244.73	2,278.7	880.6	3,120.4	(18,509)	(18,212)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	25,957.0	31,798.5	-	-	135.42	3,074.6	135.4	3,074.6	(25,822)	(28,724)
Other Manufactures	11,457.4	16,060.7	76.8	55.8	2,211.97	1,970.1	2,288.7	2,025.9	(9,169)	(14,035)
Commodities n.e.s	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10)
Commercial Free Zone	36,292.5	28,740.6	-	-	2,440.57	2,735.3	2,440.6	2,735.3	(33,852)	(26,005)
Export Processing Zones	2,947.0	3,504.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,947)	(3,505)
Personal Goods	275.4	264.4	-	-	15.74	70.3	15.7	70.3	(260)	(194)
Total	144,522.5	155,804.0	48,466.9	21,421.6	6,667.03	12,625.7	55,134.0	34,047.3	-89,388.6*	-121,756.7*

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 September of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16
United States of America	38,436.0	52,539.5	4,411.8	5,830.1	2,295.6	2,934.5	6,707.5	8,764.6
Mexico	15,643.4	16,952.9	24.2	20.2	60.7	28.7	84.9	48.8
United Kingdom	1,391.8	2,965.4	2,290.7	5,159.0	0.5	0.3	2,291.2	5,159.3
Other European Union	5,136.4	4,538.5	35,200.6	4,250.6	12.5	0.8	35,213.1	4,251.4
Panama	4,203.0	3,871.3	-	-	-	5,322.4	-	5,322.4
Costa Rica	971.4	660.5	2.2	-	-	-	2.2	-
Other Central America	14,873.5	15,610.6	922.4	482.5	1,417.7	832.3	2,340.1	1,314.8
Caricom	4,297.5	4,222.3	3,958.8	5,037.6	99.9	936.0	4,058.7	5,973.6
Canada	990.6	1,772.4	47.2	40.8	15.3	6.0	62.5	46.8
Curaçao	12,581.8	11,677.9	-	-	5.6	12.5	5.6	12.5
China	27,917.4	22,356.0	-	-	967.3	54.4	967.3	54.4
Other	18,079.7	18,636.8	1,609.0	600.8	1,791.9	2,497.9	3,400.9	3,098.7
Total	144,522.5	155,804.0	48,466.9	21,421.6	6,667.0	12,625.7	55,134.0	34,047.3

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 September 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			
	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16
Food and Live Animals	369.2	494.6	3,894.4	4,858.6	-	-	3,894.4	4,858.6	3,525	4,364
Beverages and Tobacco	1,776.5	2,458.8	11.2	26.6	-	921.1	11.2	947.8	(1,765)	(1,511)
Crude Materials	32.8	5.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	(33)	(6)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oils and Fats	1.4	-	-	87.2	-	-	-	87.2	(1)	87
Chemical Products	1,225.0	204.2	-	21.4	-	-	-	21.4	(1,225)	(183)
Manufactured goods	514.4	323.3	53.1	43.8	99.9	14.8	153.1	58.6	(361)	(265)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	187.9	278.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	(188)	(278)
Oth. Manufactures	190.2	359.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	(190)	(359)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	-	98.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(98)
Export Processing Zones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,297.5	4,222.3	3,958.8	5,037.6	99.9	936.0	4,058.7	5,973.6	(238.7)	1,751.4*

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 September of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16
Antigua & Barbuda	-	-	34.4	31.3	-	-	34.4	31.3
Barbados	93.5	191.2	376.2	446.3	-	-	376.2	446.3
Dominica	-	-	-	-	17.5	-	17.5	-
Grenada	-	323.1	11.3	-	-	-	11.3	-
Guyana	113.2	107.8	273.6	179.0	-	-	273.6	179.0
Haiti	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	1,399.5	900.9	2,005.1	1,877.1	-	0.4	2,005.1	1,877.5
St-Kitts & Nevis	58.0	-	34.1	-	-	-	34.1	-
St-Lucia	199.0	144.9	-	52.1	58.2	2.7	58.2	54.8
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surinam	-	-	113.9	-	-	-	113.9	-
Trinidad & Tobago	2,433.7	2,553.6	1,110.1	2,451.8	-	-	1,110.1	2,451.8
St Vincent & Gren.	0.4	-	-	-	24.2	932.9	24.2	932.9
Total	4,297.5	4,222.3	3,958.8	5,037.6	99.9	936.0	4,058.7	5,973.6

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 September of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	September		January - September	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Marine Products				
Lbs '000	893.5	224.8	2,081.7	2,048.2
Value	2,318.3	3,675.5	27,357.7	25,964.4
Sugar				
L/Ton	31,561.4	344.5	147,808.3	123,950.3
Value	28,471.6	409.8	138,233.0	102,462.0
Molasses				
Gals '000	1,435.6	8.6	12,435.5	8,260.6
Value	1,146.3	10.5	9,724.4	7,039.7
Orange Concentrate				
Gals '000	113.1	179.2	2,208.7	2,690.2
Value	3,007.8	3,921.9	53,614.2	70,591.9
Grapefruit Concentrate				
Gals '000	3.2	12.3	156.1	316.2
Value	23.0	246.7	3,364.7	6,755.9
Bananas				
M/Ton	8,157.8	6,057.9	62,616.7	56,762.7
Value	8,021.2	5,993.2	61,568.5	56,156.7
Sawn Wood				
Bd Ft '000	132.7	244.8	551.4	588.0
Value	1,163.7	2,214.2	5,032.8	5,363.4
Papayas				
Lbs '000	226.8	168.0	3,179.4	7,085.4
Value	96.8	64.6	1,309.4	3,761.0
Crude Oil				
Gallons '000	-	-	8,386.7	11,221.1
Value	-	-	16,480.7	16,859.6
Other Export				
Value	4,218.2	4,885.4	59,181.2	47,650.7
Total Value	48,466.9	21,421.6	375,866.4	342,605.3

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	September		January - September	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Pepper Sauce				
Lbs	123.7	121.9	1,073.1	1,030.0
Value	321.6	319.3	2,858.3	2,404.5
Orange Oil				
Lbs	40.0	175.0	1,908.5	1,781.6
Value	256.2	858.8	10,957.8	6,084.1
Grapefruit Oil				
Lbs	-	-	22.7	49.7
Value	-	-	730.3	1,148.8
R.K. Beans				
Lbs	408.5	539.0	7,700.9	9,308.6
Value	501.7	426.4	8,010.9	7,419.0
Black Eye Peas				
Lbs	387.1	790.9	5,184.0	3,109.0
Value	331.7	538.8	4,162.3	2,571.6
Pulp Cells				
Lbs	175.5	5.9	2,348.1	3,677.1
Value	126.0	6.1	1,550.0	2,615.6
Animal Feed				
Lbs	3,437.6	1,529.1	68,055.1	78,404.6
Value	586.9	303.1	11,262.6	12,163.8
Corn Meal				
Lbs	558.7	252.5	3,411.7	2,763.3
Value	222.6	103.4	1,370.8	1,126.8
Other Value				
Value	1,871.4	2,329.5		
Total Value	4,218.2	4,885.4	59,181.2	47,650.7

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-16
United Arab Emirates	372.3	451.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republic Of Austria	1,023.4	767.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	919.5	809.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	392.1	544.2	-	-	-	0.7	-	0.7
Germany,Fedl.Rep.of	406.3	552.7	-	836.3	-	-	-	836.3
Denmark	216.1	861.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	9,543.6	10,468.9	634.5	469.5	364.6	1,077.0	999.1	1,546.5
Honduras	3,489.5	3,573.6	25.7	-	1,038.4	108.2	1,064.1	108.2
India	2,305.7	1,334.5	-	-	160.2	-	160.2	-
Japan	373.5	1,467.5	452.7	270.3	14.1	3.0	466.8	273.3
South Korea	499.8	2,322.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	625.0	749.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands (Holland)	1,295.0	1,173.3	1,313.1	818.0	-	-	1,313.1	818.0
Russian Federation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	1,778.5	1,561.0	262.2	13.0	4.0	-	266.3	13.0
Thailand	429.2	2,999.6	-	-	52.4	1.4	52.4	1.4
New Taiwan	1,339.4	1,254.5	-	176.7	12.1	29.4	12.1	206.1
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	1,095.0	121.2	1,095.0	121.2
Vietnam	602.8	823.4	-	132.8	-	-	-	132.8

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 September 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-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016
Food and Live Animals	157,979.4	174,001.0	329,305.0	306,690.1	55.0	1,378.9	329,360.1	308,069.0	171,380.7	134,067.9
Beverages and Tobacco	25,984.0	27,586.7	505.4	175.1	1,648.3	4,488.4	2,153.7	4,663.5	-23,830.3	-22,923.2
Crude Materials	27,164.1	27,453.9	6,701.0	7,704.6	482.2	35.1	7,183.2	7,739.7	-19,980.9	-19,714.2
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	163,939.4	137,769.6	16,632.2	17,020.8	13,923.7	9,871.7	30,555.9	26,892.6	-133,383.6	-110,877.0
Oils and Fats	12,390.8	10,638.3	175.3	198.7	3.1	20.7	178.4	219.4	-12,212.4	-10,418.9
Chemical Products	133,023.2	125,096.6	15,595.6	8,480.1	7,452.1	1,452.6	23,047.7	9,932.7	-109,975.6	-115,163.9
Manufactured goods	178,870.3	175,885.5	6,600.3	2,131.0	2,021.8	4,134.2	8,622.1	6,265.2	-170,248.2	-169,620.3
Mach. & Transp. Eq	270,495.4	350,457.8	10.1	13.1	9,175.5	10,434.7	9,185.6	10,447.8	-261,309.8	-340,010.0
Oth. Manufactures	120,710.2	131,556.6	341.5	191.7	18,688.5	18,192.8	19,030.0	18,384.5	-101,680.2	-113,172.1
Commodities n.e.s	323.6	553.7	-	-	-	14.7	-	14.7	-323.6	-538.9
Commercial Free Zone	214,679.3	220,338.9	-	-	28,804.8	17,085.5	28,804.8	17,085.5	-185,874.5	-203,253.5
Export Processing Zones	28,021.6	37,472.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-28,021.6	-37,472.9
Personal Goods	2,575.9	2,634.6	-	-	859.8	626.4	859.8	626.4	-1,716.1	-2,008.2
Total	1,336,157.2	1,421,446.1	375,866.4	342,605.3	83,114.8	67,735.7	458,981.2	410,340.9	-877,176.0*	-1,011,105.2*

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 September of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016
United States of America	469,070.2	537,056.0	70,474.9	82,175.7	37,885.8	27,793.8	108,360.8	109,969.5
Mexico	150,676.0	156,683.3	806.0	473.6	1,289.9	2,250.5	2,095.9	2,724.1
United Kingdom	15,512.0	21,286.6	131,268.5	125,291.2	621.3	616.3	131,889.8	125,907.5
Other European Union	46,173.4	43,333.1	83,809.2	53,597.3	706.1	307.3	84,515.3	53,904.6
Panama	45,041.2	46,550.3	76.6	417.0	5,201.6	6,817.0	5,278.2	7,233.9
Costa Rica	15,779.2	17,432.7	4.2	8.5	28.9	19.4	33.1	27.9
Other Central America	145,621.8	137,571.5	5,403.3	4,932.4	17,916.2	8,063.7	23,319.5	12,996.0
Caricom	35,890.0	39,324.9	59,498.6	56,997.1	1,235.1	1,812.1	60,733.7	58,809.2
Canada	15,029.3	13,452.9	653.7	942.8	342.1	437.5	995.8	1,380.2
Curaçao	124,478.7	104,387.3	-	-	6.1	12.5	6.1	12.5
China	141,684.3	161,416.9	91.2	-	2,925.6	2,041.5	3,016.8	2,041.5
Other	131,201.0	142,950.7	23,780.1	17,769.6	14,956.0	17,564.1	38,736.2	35,333.8
TOTAL	1,336,157.2	1,421,446.1	375,866.4	342,605.3	83,114.8	67,735.7	458,981.2	410,340.9

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 September 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-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016
Food and Live Animals	4,520.1	4,982.7	41,877.3	38,870.0	20.0	0.1	41,897.3	38,870.0	37,377.2	33,887.3
Beverages and Tobacco	14,546.0	17,964.5	29.8	48.2	33.5	921.7	63.3	969.9	-14,482.7	-16,994.5
Crude Materials	201.7	241.1	88.3	505.0	-	-	88.3	505.0	-113.3	263.9
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	4.2	3.1	174.3	174.3	-	-	174.3	174.3	170.1	171.2
Chemical Products	7,389.5	6,063.3	272.1	246.5	-	-	272.1	246.5	-7,117.4	-5,816.8
Manufactured goods	4,836.3	4,394.8	499.2	293.4	652.8	436.4	1,152.0	729.8	-3,684.3	-3,664.9
Mach. & Transp. Eqt	1,877.3	2,809.0	10.1	-	132.7	75.8	142.8	75.8	-1,734.5	-2,733.2
Oth. Manufactures	2,074.5	2,636.4	66.8	0.2	28.4	227.7	95.2	227.9	-1,979.3	-2,408.5
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Commercial Free Zone	438.7	98.2	-	-	0.7	120.2	0.7	120.2	-437.9	22.0
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	35,890.0	39,324.9	59,498.6	56,997.1	1,235.1	1,812.1	60,733.7	58,809.2	24,843.7*	19,484.3*

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 September of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2016
Antigua & Barbuda	438.7	428.4	128.3	152.2	-	-	128.3	152.2
Barbados	1,434.9	1,935.8	18,835.3	19,870.4	-	1.5	18,835.3	19,871.9
Dominica	595.1	894.6	112.4	-	140.2	122.7	252.6	122.7
Grenada	2,072.6	2,497.0	209.5	73.2	48.9	-	258.4	73.2
Guyana	1,502.8	1,172.1	1,524.5	1,474.2	462.5	73.9	1,987.0	1,548.1
Haiti	-	27.1	1,162.6	376.7	28.0	-	1,190.6	376.7
Jamaica	9,212.1	9,649.5	24,394.0	19,812.2	9.0	81.5	24,403.0	19,893.6
St. Kitts & Nevis	713.5	868.8	194.3	196.8	-	-	194.3	196.8
St. Lucia	1,748.2	2,182.9	152.2	175.1	235.6	10.9	387.7	186.1
Montserrat	4.6	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	-	0.4	256.2	49.2	-	177.5	256.2	226.7
Trinidad & Tobago	16,867.1	17,457.1	12,511.2	14,817.0	20.5	120.7	12,531.7	14,937.7
St Vincent & Gren.	1,300.5	2,211.0	18.1	-	290.4	1,223.4	308.5	1,223.4
Total	35,890.0	39,324.9	59,498.6	56,997.1	1,235.1	1,812.1	60,733.7	58,809.2

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	September			January - September
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Consumer Goods					
11: Food and beverages	206,184	13,851.9	16,178.2	140,761	154,013
12: Transport equipment	19,291	1,177.0	1,390.4	10,553	14,121
13: Durable goods	59,647	4,385.2	5,634.3	38,101	42,882
14: Semi-durable goods	69,971	4,149.5	5,146.7	44,557	49,459
15: Non-durable goods	108,192	8,232.5	9,508.6	87,407	80,380
Intermediate Goods					
21: Food and beverages	28,102	1,293.9	2,100.9	19,393	21,871
22: Fuels and lubricants	117,217	10,573.7	6,808.1	101,374	86,453
23: Parts and accessories	127,437	7,191.5	6,892.4	74,260	102,749
24: Industrial supplies nes	424,769	29,092.3	38,459.7	316,777	317,652
Capital Goods					
31: Transport equipment	62,894	3,234.0	5,924.7	33,517	45,559
32: Other capital goods	210,269	13,271.4	13,518.8	135,622	160,264
Other Goods					
41: Passenger motor cars	42,343	2,018.8	3,189.8	23,479	30,340
42: Motor spirit	69,944	6,353.6	8,253.8	62,747	51,353
43: Goods to EPZ	45,348	2,947.0	3,504.7	28,022	37,473
44: Goods to CFZ	305,484	36,292.5	28,740.6	214,679	220,339
45: Household goods	3,919	275.4	264.4	2,576	2,635
46: Goods nes	4,553	182.4	288.0	2,331	3,903
Total Imports	1,905,564.2	144,522.5	155,804.0	1,336,157	1,421,446
Total Exports	492,524.3	55,134.0	34,047.3	458,981.2	410,340.9
Visible Trade Gap	-1,133,858.1*	-89,388.6*	-121,756.7*	-877,176*	-1,011,105*

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 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017
Consumer Goods					
11. Food and beverages	52,892.9	52,170.9	45,375	51,880	43,507
12. Transport equipment	5,530.0	5,170.7	3,548	4,316	2,689
13. Durable goods	15,841.8	16,764.6	11,858	11,785	14,458
14. Semi-durable goods	18,849.2	20,511.7	14,820	15,728	14,009
15. Non-durable goods	28,700.6	27,812.7	26,689	31,145	29,572
Intermediate Goods					
21. Food and beverages	7,769.6	6,231.4	7,683	6,141	5,569
22. Fuels and lubricants	26,797.7	30,763.7	34,658	32,489	34,227
23. Parts and accessories	25,969.8	24,688.5	25,489	23,998	24,773
24. Industrial supplies nes	108,093.4	107,116.9	103,265	112,642	100,870
Capital Goods					
31. Transport equipment	17,634.2	17,334.4	12,388	9,898	11,231
32. Other capital goods	52,080.8	50,004.6	43,655	49,894	42,073
Other Goods					
41. Passenger motor cars	9,567.9	12,002.4	8,327	7,878	7,274
42. Motor spirit	19,936.0	18,590.7	19,669	20,203	22,875
43. Goods to EPZ	9,305.3	7,875.6	7,957	12,702	7,363
44. Goods to CFZ	80,831.0	85,145.4	64,031	70,770	79,878
45. Household goods	1,124.2	1,283.9	1,069	755	753
46. Goods nes	1,254.9	649.9	1,137	476	719
Total Imports	482,179.3	484,118.1	431,616	462,701	441,840
Total Exports	139,120.96	82,183.40	157,341.47	178,183.84	123,455.89
Visible Trade Gap	-343,058.3*	-401,934.7*	-274,275*	-284,517*	-318,384*

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ