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IMPORTS UP 14%, DOMESTIC EXPORTS UP 66.4% IN OCTOBER 2017

IMPORTS

OCTOBER 2017: For the month of October 2017, Belize imported goods valuing \$168.8 million. This represented a 14 percent or \$20.7 million increase from the same month in 2016, when imports totalled just over \$148 million.

Sizeable increases across five categories led to the first significant growth in monthly imports since the start of the year. Greater imports of goods destined for the 'Commercial Free Zones' and higher food purchases together contributed over a half of the increase seen during the month of October. Heightened spending on clothing, cigarettes and handbags drove imports into the 'Commercial Free Zones' up by 23 percent or \$5.9 million, from \$25.7 million in October of 2016 to \$31.6 million in the same month of 2017. The 'Food and Live Animals' category rose by one third or \$5.2 million, from \$15.5 million to \$20.7 million, due to a spike in wheat seed imports. Imported manufactured goods went up by over 21 percent during the month, from \$20.1 million in October 2016 to \$24.4 million in October 2017, as the country purchased more carton boxes, aluminium/zinc coils and steel rods. The 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' category, which also grew by 21 percent, increased from \$14.4 million to \$17.5 million, primarily due to higher world market prices for regular fuel and greater quantities of imported butane compared to last October. Additionally, a surge in cigarette imports for the month of October resulted in an increase in the 'Beverages and Tobacco' category, from \$1.9 million in 2016 to \$3.2 million in 2017.

FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR: Merchandise imports for the ten months January to October 2017 amounted \$1.5 billion, representing a 4.1 percent or \$64.6 million drop from the same period last year.

'Machinery and Transport Equipment' was the category which saw the greatest decline over the ten-month period, falling by more than 20 percent or \$80 million, from \$385 million in 2016 to \$305 million in 2017, with imports of telecommunication parts and four cylinder vehicles showing considerable decreases within that category. The categories of 'Other Manufactures', 'Food and Live Animals' and 'Export Processing Zones' also dropped markedly over the January to October period. Imports within the 'Other Manufactures' category went down by \$11 million, from \$147 million in 2016 to \$136 million in 2017, on account of reduced purchases of prefabricated buildings and plastic bottles, while Belize's food import bill was also down by about \$11 million, from \$190 million to \$179 million, due to decreases in goods such as soybean meal, lard (shortening) and coffee. Goods meant for the 'Export Processing Zones' declined 22 percent or almost \$9 million over the period, from \$40 million in 2016 to \$31 million in 2017, as a result of fewer imports of gaming machines and their parts as well as the fact that no wood planer machines were purchased for the 2017 period.

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

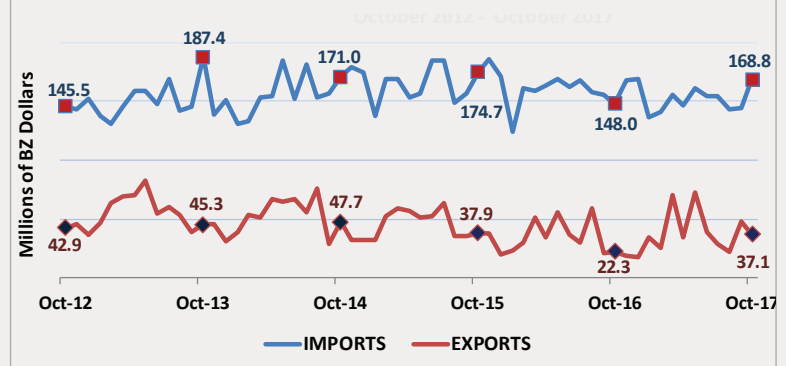
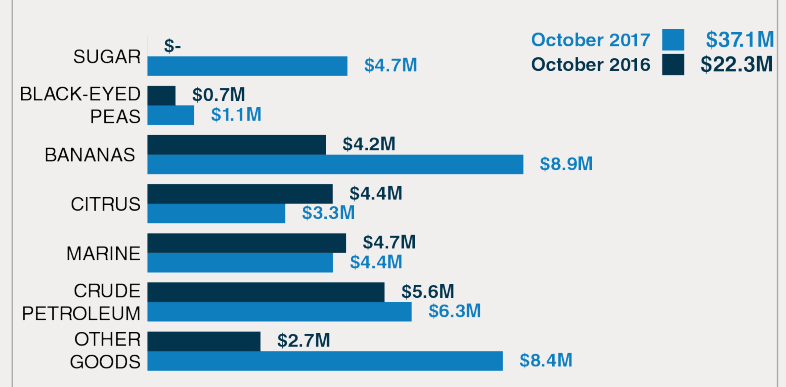


Figure 2: Composition of Gross Imports by Type; October 2017

MANUFACTURED GOODS & OTHER MANUFACTURES	COMMERCIAL FREE ZONE & EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES		35.0 MILLION	
	39.7M	MACHINERY & TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT		34.9 MILLION
		FOOD & LIVE ANIMALS		20.8 MILLION
		MINERAL FUELS & LUBRICANTS		17.5 MILLION
		13.5 MILLION	ALL OTHER GOODS	7.4 MILLION
TOTAL = 144.5 MILLION				

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



'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants', on the other hand, saw a substantial 19 percent or \$29 million increase, from \$152 million in 2016 to \$181 million in 2017, as more was spent on imports of all types of fuels during the period. The remaining categories, 'Chemical Products', 'Manufactured Goods' and 'Oils and Fats', went up by a combined \$17.7 million over the period.

EXPORTS

October 2017: The total value of Belize's domestic exports for the month of October 2017 was \$37.1 million, up 66.4 percent or \$14.8 million from the \$22.3 million recorded for October 2016.

For the month of October 2017, bananas were the top earners among all exported goods. Sales for that commodity totalled \$8.9 million during the month, more than double the \$4.2 million recorded for October 2016. Exports of sugar amounted to \$4.7 million in October 2017, in contrast to the same month in 2016 when no shipments of this commodity were recorded, further contributing to the overall increase in domestic export earnings. Belize's crude petroleum exports continued to benefit from favourable world market prices, with revenues up slightly by \$0.7 million, from \$5.6 million in 2016 to \$6.3 million in 2017, despite there being virtually no difference in exported volumes compared to the same month of last year.

In contrast, exports of marine products fell slightly, from \$4.7 million to \$4.4 million during the month, largely due to a drop in conch sales from \$2.7 million in October 2016 to \$1.3 million in October 2017. Citrus sales also declined considerably, falling by \$1.1 million from \$4.4 million to \$3.3 million, owing mostly to a plunge in exports of grapefruit concentrate during the month.

As a consequence of the strong sales of bananas and sugar for the month of October 2017, exports to the United Kingdom, the rest of the European Union and the United States, all increased considerably when compared to October 2016. Exports to the United Kingdom more than tripled, growing from \$3.6 million in last October to \$11.4 million in October 2017 due to increased exports of both commodities, while revenues from the rest of the European Union rose by almost 60 percent, from \$2.2 million to \$3.5 million, due largely to the spike in banana sales. In October 2017, exports to the United States of America stood at \$9.6 million, up \$5.7 million over the \$3.9 million noted for that same month last year, the result of boosted sugar sales to the country.

FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR: Merchandise exports for the period January to October 2017 totalled \$413 million, up 13.2 percent or \$48.1 million from the \$364.9 million recorded during same period last year.

Belize's leading export commodity, sugar, was the principal driver of the substantial growth in overall domestic exports, accounting for almost 35 percent of total export earnings over the period. For the ten months from January to October, sales from that commodity rose significantly from \$102.5 million in 2016 to nearly \$143 million in 2017, a revenue increase of 39.5 percent or \$40.5 million. In addition, bananas performed strongly over the period, as sales of that product grew by 16.7 percent or \$10.1 million, from \$60.4 million in 2016 to \$70.5 million in 2017. Sales of marine products, however, saw only minimal improvement, rising by just over \$1 million from \$30.6 million to \$31.7 million as a result of higher revenues from lobster tail exports. Despite a 20 percent drop in exported volumes compared to the same period in 2016, earnings from crude petroleum remained almost unchanged, as prices for that export continued to be favourable on the world market. On the other hand, the country's second largest export earner, citrus products, fell by 19.2 percent, from \$93.1 million to \$75.2 million, largely owing to diminished orange concentrate sales.

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



Table 1: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for October 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			
	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16
Food and Live Animals	20,766.8	15,524.5	29,003.0	15,485.9	40.78	209.5	29,043.8	15,695.5	8,277	171
Beverages and Tobacco	3,197.9	1,870.9	-	14.8	1,012.53	23.8	1,012.5	38.6	(2,185)	(1,832)
Crude Materials	2,298.2	3,159.2	1,097.3	371.1	-	1.2	1,097.3	372.3	(1,201)	(2,787)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	17,478.1	14,432.1	6,290.2	5,655.1	1,758.36	655.9	8,048.6	6,311.0	(9,429)	(8,121)
Oils and Fats	1,398.2	699.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,398)	(699)
Chemical Products	13,490.1	13,473.3	19.1	16.6	352.65	311.6	371.8	328.2	(13,118)	(13,145)
Manufactured Goods	24,360.9	20,063.0	675.9	751.2	231.48	76.5	907.4	827.7	(23,454)	(19,235)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	34,854.0	34,614.0	8.1	6.2	280.84	874.6	288.9	880.8	(34,565)	(33,733)
Other Manufactures	15,369.1	15,670.6	31.7	11.9	2,058.73	2,182.4	2,090.4	2,194.3	(13,279)	(13,476)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	31,597.7	25,699.4	-	-	3,526.85	2,710.9	3,526.9	2,710.9	(28,071)	(22,988)
Export Processing Zones	3,399.2	2,571.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,399)	(2,572)
Personal Goods	540.1	250.9	-	-	207.47	228.8	207.5	228.8	(333)	(22)
Total	168,750.4	148,028.7	37,125.4	22,312.8	9,469.68	7,275.3	46,595.0	29,588.1	-122,155.3*	-118,440.6*

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 October of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16
United States of America	66,901.5	55,278.4	9,625.4	3,942.0	4,133.2	3,663.0	13,758.7	7,605.0
Mexico	17,789.8	16,818.8	31.0	20.2	250.6	15.4	281.7	35.6
United Kingdom	3,070.7	973.3	11,353.4	3,577.9	40.2	506.1	11,393.6	4,084.0
Other European Union	4,722.9	2,919.3	3,544.2	2,238.3	174.5	6.4	3,718.7	2,244.7
Panama	5,768.5	4,976.3	-	38.0	742.4	94.1	742.4	132.2
Costa Rica	2,589.0	2,599.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Central America	16,431.1	15,275.1	976.6	251.6	2,019.1	1,659.4	2,995.7	1,911.0
Caricom	4,435.7	3,340.1	10,644.6	10,629.8	87.9	43.8	10,732.5	10,673.6
Canada	1,601.0	827.7	-	1.1	36.0	21.5	36.0	22.7
Curaçao	3,759.9	9,900.4	-	-	4.1	-	4.1	-
China	22,232.1	20,947.2	7.8	-	410.6	219.6	418.5	219.6
Other	19,448.1	14,172.2	942.2	1,613.7	1,570.9	1,046.0	2,513.1	2,659.8
Total	168,750.4	148,028.7	37,125.4	22,312.8	9,469.7	7,275.3	46,595.0	29,588.1

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 October 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			
	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16
Food and Live Animals	440.8	277.0	4,246.9	4,932.0	-	-	4,246.9	4,932.0	3,806	4,655
Beverages and Tobacco	1,607.6	1,276.3	-	14.8	-	-	-	14.8	(1,608)	(1,261)
Crude Materials	1.1	3.4	-	22.6	-	-	-	22.6	(1)	19
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	-	-	6,265.5	5,623.5	-	-	6,265.5	5,623.5	6,265	5,623
Oils and Fats	-	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
Chemical Products	239.4	559.4	19.1	10.5	-	-	19.1	10.5	(220)	(549)
Manufactured goods	1,152.5	931.7	113.2	26.4	74.4	43.8	187.6	70.2	(965)	(862)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	571.8	183.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	(572)	(184)
Oth. Manufactures	415.1	108.1	-	-	13.5	-	13.5	-	(402)	(108)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Export Processing Zones	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-
Personal Goods	6.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7)	-
Total	4,435.7	3,340.1	10,644.6	10,629.8	87.9	43.8	10,732.5	10,673.6	6,296.8	7,333.5*

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 October of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16
Antigua & Barbuda	-	-	31.5	-	-	-	31.5	-
Barbados	364.5	161.2	6,790.9	5,819.4	-	-	6,790.9	5,819.4
Dominica	109.6	80.2	-	-	-	17.5	-	17.5
Grenada	-	-	-	26.1	-	-	-	26.1
Guyana	581.9	594.6	407.4	122.8	-	-	407.4	122.8
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	881.6	1,088.6	1,915.1	2,471.3	-	-	1,915.1	2,471.3
St-Kitts & Nevis	-	182.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
St-Lucia	132.8	166.7	-	-	62.3	14.1	62.3	14.1
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surinam	-	28.5	137.4	-	-	-	137.4	-
Trinidad & Tobago	2,153.7	1,037.7	1,362.2	2,165.4	13.5	-	1,375.8	2,165.4
St Vincent & Gren.	211.5	-	-	24.7	12.1	12.1	12.1	36.8
Total	4,435.7	3,340.1	10,644.6	10,629.8	87.9	43.8	10,732.5	10,673.6

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 October of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	October		January - October	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Marine Products				
Lbs '000	3,008.1	405.1	2,382.5	2,453.1
Value	4,400.9	4,713.5	31,758.6	30,674.0
Sugar				
L/Ton	4,903.9	-	152,712.2	123,950.3
Value	4,742.2	-	142,975.2	102,462.0
Molasses				
Gals '000	9.9	5.6	12,445.5	8,266.2
Value	12.5	7.6	9,736.9	7,047.4
Orange Concentrate				
Gals '000	103.7	121.3	2,312.4	2,811.4
Value	2,838.6	2,934.0	56,452.8	73,525.9
Grapefruit Concentrate				
Gals '000	7.3	56.5	163.4	372.6
Value	153.5	1,211.2	3,518.2	7,967.1
Bananas				
M/Ton	9,066.3	4,277.8	71,683.0	61,040.5
Value	8,914.6	4,232.1	70,483.0	60,388.8
Sawn Wood				
Bd Ft '000	143.7	121.0	695.1	709.0
Value	972.4	230.5	6,005.2	5,593.9
Papayas				
Lbs '000	151.2	126.0	3,330.6	7,211.4
Value	64.6	48.4	1,373.9	3,809.4
Crude Oil				
Gallons '000	2,830.3	2,856.6	11,217.0	14,077.7
Value	6,265.5	5,623.5	22,746.1	22,483.1
Other Export				
Value	8,760.6	3,311.9	67,941.8	50,966.5
Total Value	37,125.4	22,312.8	412,991.8	364,918.0

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	October		January - October	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Pepper Sauce				
Lbs	95.6	153.0	1,168.8	1,183.0
Value	322.0	400.1	3,180.3	2,804.7
Orange Oil				
Lbs	1.3	0.9	1,909.8	1,782.5
Value	19.1	10.5	10,976.9	6,094.7
Grapefruit Oil				
Lbs	-	-	22.7	49.7
Value	-	-	730.3	1,148.8
R.K. Beans				
Lbs	87.7	734.0	7,788.6	10,042.6
Value	113.2	578.8	8,124.1	7,997.8
Black Eye Peas				
Lbs	1,215.0	976.2	6,399.0	4,085.2
Value	1,105.5	668.3	5,267.8	3,240.0
Pulp Cells				
Lbs	170.2	4.2	2,518.3	3,681.3
Value	122.1	4.7	1,672.0	2,620.3
Animal Feed				
Lbs	5,234.1	143.3	73,289.2	78,623.1
Value	968.4	51.9	12,230.9	12,227.9
Corn Meal				
Lbs	564.0	628.1	3,975.7	3,391.5
Value	234.7	263.3	1,605.5	1,390.1
Other Value				
Value	5,875.6	1,334.1	24,154.0	13,442.4
Total Value	8,760.6	3,311.9	67,941.8	50,966.5

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16
United Arab Emirates	1,148.3	305.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republic Of Austria	506.9	500.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	409.6	905.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	267.9	196.0	-	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Germany,Fedl.Rep.of	834.1	349.4	-	4.5	21.9	2.1	21.9	6.5
Denmark	561.6	175.3	-	-	0.8	-	0.8	-
Guatemala	10,413.0	10,941.1	970.5	232.1	232.1	530.7	1,202.6	762.8
Honduras	3,674.8	2,845.3	-	11.9	1,785.2	1,140.3	1,785.2	1,152.2
India	1,873.2	2,179.6	-	-	177.2	-	177.2	-
Japan	1,903.3	1,910.3	-	269.3	1.0	38.2	1.0	307.6
South Korea	1,592.6	1,912.4	-	6.1	-	-	-	6.1
Lithuania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	818.6	541.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands (Holland)	1,604.2	1,220.0	357.5	370.5	85.7	-	443.3	370.5
Russian Federation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	2,281.9	1,730.1	6.1	7.6	-	55.1	6.1	62.7
Thailand	18.9	1,367.8	-	-	26.2	1.6	26.2	1.6
New Taiwan	1,343.4	579.6	34.2	392.7	-	180.7	34.2	573.4
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam	358.6	433.3	843.2	391.3	0.1	-	843.2	391.3

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 October 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-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016
Food and Live Animals	178,746.2	189,525.5	358,308.0	322,176.0	95.8	1,588.4	358,403.9	323,764.5	179,657.7	134,238.9
Beverages and Tobacco	29,181.8	29,457.6	505.4	189.9	2,660.9	4,512.2	3,166.3	4,702.1	-26,015.6	-24,755.5
Crude Materials	29,462.3	30,613.1	7,798.4	8,075.7	482.2	36.3	8,280.5	8,112.0	-21,181.8	-22,501.2
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	181,417.5	152,201.7	22,922.4	22,675.9	15,682.0	10,527.6	38,604.5	33,203.5	-142,813.1	-118,998.1
Oils and Fats	13,789.0	11,337.5	175.3	198.7	3.1	20.7	178.4	219.4	-13,610.6	-11,118.1
Chemical Products	146,513.3	138,569.9	15,614.7	8,496.7	7,804.7	1,764.3	23,419.4	10,260.9	-123,093.9	-128,309.0
Manufactured goods	203,231.2	195,948.5	7,276.2	2,882.2	2,253.3	4,210.7	9,529.5	7,092.9	-193,701.7	-188,855.7
Mach. & Transp. Eq	305,349.3	385,071.8	18.2	19.3	9,456.3	11,309.3	9,474.5	11,328.6	-295,874.8	-373,743.2
Oth. Manufactures	136,079.3	147,227.3	373.2	203.6	20,747.2	20,375.2	21,120.4	20,578.8	-114,958.9	-126,648.4
Commodities n.e.s	323.6	553.7	-	-	-	14.7	-	14.7	-323.6	-538.9
Commercial Free Zone	246,277.0	246,038.3	-	-	32,331.6	19,796.4	32,331.6	19,796.4	-213,945.4	-226,241.9
Export Processing Zones	31,420.9	40,044.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-31,420.9	-40,044.4
Personal Goods	3,116.0	2,885.5	-	-	1,067.3	855.2	1,067.3	855.2	-2,048.8	-2,030.3
Total	1,504,907.5	1,569,474.9	412,991.8	364,918.0	92,584.4	75,011.0	505,576.2	439,929.0	-999,331.3*	-1,129,545.8*

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 October of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016
United States of America	535,971.7	592,334.3	80,100.4	86,117.8	42,019.0	31,456.8	122,119.4	117,574.6
Mexico	168,465.9	173,502.2	837.1	493.8	1,540.5	2,265.9	2,377.6	2,759.7
United Kingdom	18,582.7	22,260.0	142,621.9	128,869.1	661.6	1,122.4	143,283.4	129,991.5
Other European Union	50,896.3	46,252.5	87,353.4	55,835.6	880.6	313.7	88,234.0	56,149.3
Panama	50,809.7	51,526.6	76.6	455.0	5,944.0	6,911.1	6,020.6	7,366.1
Costa Rica	18,368.2	20,032.5	4.2	8.5	28.9	19.4	33.1	27.9
Other Central America	162,052.8	152,846.6	6,380.0	5,184.0	19,935.3	9,723.1	26,315.2	14,907.1
Caricom	40,325.8	42,665.0	70,143.2	67,626.9	1,323.0	1,855.8	71,466.3	69,482.8
Canada	16,630.2	14,280.6	653.7	943.9	378.1	459.0	1,031.8	1,402.9
Curaçao	128,238.5	114,287.7	-	-	10.2	12.5	10.2	12.5
China	163,916.4	182,364.1	99.1	-	3,336.2	2,261.1	3,435.3	2,261.1
Other	150,649.1	157,122.9	24,722.3	19,383.4	16,527.0	18,610.2	41,249.3	37,993.5
TOTAL	1,504,907.5	1,569,474.9	412,991.8	364,918.0	92,584.4	75,011.0	505,576.2	439,929.0

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 October 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-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016
Food and Live Animals	4,960.9	5,259.8	46,124.2	43,802.0	20.0	0.1	46,144.1	43,802.0	41,183.3	38,542.3
Beverages and Tobacco	16,153.6	19,240.7	29.8	63.0	33.5	921.7	63.3	984.7	-16,090.3	-18,256.0
Crude Materials	202.7	244.4	88.3	527.6	-	-	88.3	527.6	-114.4	283.2
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	2.0	0.4	22,746.1	22,483.1	-	-	22,746.1	22,483.1	22,744.2	22,482.6
Oils and Fats	4.2	3.7	174.3	174.3	-	-	174.3	174.3	170.1	170.6
Chemical Products	7,628.9	6,622.7	291.3	257.0	-	-	291.3	257.0	-7,337.7	-6,365.7
Manufactured goods	5,988.8	5,326.5	612.3	319.8	727.2	480.2	1,339.5	800.0	-4,649.2	-4,526.5
Mach. & Transp. Eqt	2,449.0	2,992.7	10.1	-	132.7	75.8	142.8	75.8	-2,306.2	-2,916.9
Oth. Manufactures	2,489.6	2,744.4	66.8	0.2	41.9	227.7	108.7	227.9	-2,380.8	-2,516.5
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	0.9	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.9	-7.8
Personal Goods	6.6	123.7	-	-	367.0	30.3	367.0	30.3	360.4	-93.4
TOTAL	40,325.8	42,665.0	70,143.2	67,626.9	1,323.0	1,855.8	71,466.3	69,482.8	31,140.5*	26,817.8*

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 October of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016
Antigua & Barbuda	438.7	428.4	159.8	152.2	-	-	159.8	152.2
Barbados	1,799.4	2,097.0	25,626.2	25,689.9	-	1.5	25,626.2	25,691.4
Dominica	704.7	974.9	112.4	-	140.2	140.2	252.6	140.2
Grenada	2,072.6	2,497.0	209.5	99.3	48.9	-	258.4	99.3
Guyana	2,084.7	1,766.7	1,931.9	1,597.1	462.5	73.9	2,394.4	1,670.9
Haiti	-	27.1	1,162.6	376.7	28.0	-	1,190.6	376.7
Jamaica	10,093.7	10,738.1	26,309.1	22,283.5	9.0	81.5	26,318.1	22,364.9
St. Kitts & Nevis	713.5	1,051.4	194.3	196.8	-	-	194.3	196.8
St. Lucia	1,881.1	2,349.6	152.2	175.1	297.8	25.1	450.0	200.2
Montserrat	4.6	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	-	28.9	393.6	49.2	-	177.5	393.6	226.7
Trinidad & Tobago	19,020.8	18,494.7	13,873.4	16,982.5	34.0	120.7	13,907.4	17,103.2
St Vincent & Gren.	1,512.0	2,211.0	18.1	24.7	302.5	1,235.5	320.6	1,260.2
Total	40,325.8	42,665.0	70,143.2	67,626.9	1,323.0	1,855.8	71,466.3	69,482.8

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	October		January - October	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Consumer Goods					
11: Food and beverages	206,184	18,495.5	13,392.9	159,257	167,406
12: Transport equipment	19,291	2,276.6	1,940.7	12,830	16,062
13: Durable goods	59,647	6,167.0	5,085.7	44,268	47,968
14: Semi-durable goods	69,971	6,309.0	6,183.0	50,866	55,642
15: Non-durable goods	108,192	10,853.9	7,263.0	98,261	87,642
Intermediate Goods					
21: Food and beverages	28,102	1,862.5	1,850.0	21,256	23,721
22: Fuels and lubricants	117,217	11,521.9	10,327.8	112,896	96,781
23: Parts and accessories	127,437	11,389.0	8,515.0	85,649	111,264
24: Industrial supplies nes	424,769	36,595.9	34,992.6	353,373	352,645
Capital Goods					
31: Transport equipment	62,894	3,796.8	7,089.5	37,313	52,649
32: Other capital goods	210,269	15,511.3	14,685.7	151,134	174,950
Other Goods					
41: Passenger motor cars	42,343	2,131.3	3,884.3	25,610	34,225
42: Motor spirit	69,944	5,962.9	4,095.0	68,710	55,448
43: Goods to EPZ	45,348	3,399.2	2,571.5	31,421	40,044
44: Goods to CFZ	305,484	31,597.7	25,699.4	246,277	246,038
45: Household goods	3,919	540.1	250.9	3,116	2,886
46: Goods nes	4,553	339.8	201.7	2,671	4,105
Total Imports	1,905,564.2	168,750.4	148,028.7	1,504,908	1,569,475
Total Exports	492,524.3	46,595.0	29,588.1	505,576.2	439,929.0
Visible Trade Gap	-1,133,858.1*	-122,155.3*	-118,440.6*	-999,331*	-1,129,546*

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