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**IMPORTS DOWN 0.9 %, EXPORTS DOWN 12.5% IN DECEMBER 2017**

**IMPORTS**

**DECEMBER:** During the month of December 2017, Belize's imported goods were valued at \$167.2 million, down by 0.9 percent or \$1.6 million from the \$168.8 million imported in December of 2016.

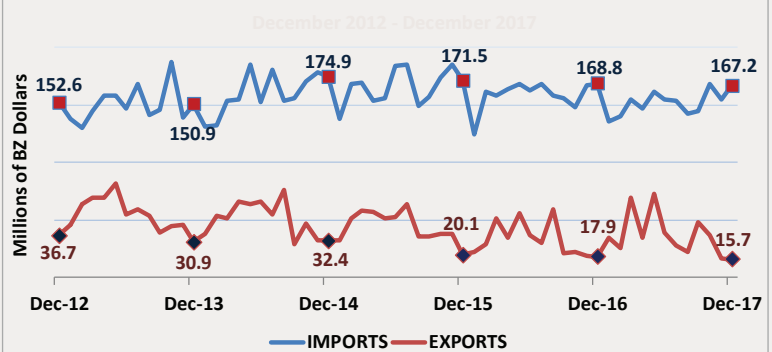
The 'Other Manufactures' category recorded the largest drop for the month at \$3.6 million, from \$14.7 million in December 2016 to \$11.1 million in the same month of 2017, the result of reduced purchases of light fixtures, plastic laboratory items and metal office furniture. In addition, importation of 'Chemical Products' and goods destined for the 'Commercial Free Zones' each fell by approximately \$3 million. Diminished imports of fertilizers and medicines resulted in the decline in the 'Chemical Products' category, from \$16.3 million to \$13.2 million, while decreased purchases of cigarettes and handbags led to the drop in imports to the 'Commercial Free Zones', from \$33.7 million in December 2016 to \$30.7 million in December 2017. Likewise, the 'Beverages and Tobacco' category' shrank by \$1.4 million, from \$5.2 million to \$3.8 million, as importation of beer, soft drinks and vodka all fell during the month.

Imports of goods meant for the 'Export Processing Zones', on the other hand, rose sharply by \$3.9 million, from \$2.5 million to \$6.4 million, due mostly to heightened purchases of high pressure processing equipment for the month. The 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' category rose from \$17.9 million to \$21.2 million, largely owing to increased kerosene purchases, which tripled in comparison to December 2016. Imports of 'Machinery and Transport Equipment' went up from \$33.7 million to \$36.4 million due in large part to the purchase of a high value piece of transport equipment as well as plate bending machines.

**ANNUAL IMPORTS 2017:** Merchandise imports for the year 2017 amounted to \$1.8 billion, representing a 4.1 percent or an almost \$79 million decrease from the total imports recorded for 2016.

The year's most notable decreases were observed in the categories of 'Machinery and Transport Equipment', 'Other Manufactures' and 'Food and Live Animals', which together fell by a combined \$113.7 million. 'Machinery and Transport Equipment', which recorded the most significant drop of the three, declined steeply by \$83.2 million, from \$458.7 million for 2016 to \$375.5 million for 2017, with telecommunication parts, four-cylinder vehicles and water sealing/filling machines seeing the greatest decreases for the year. 'Other Manufactures' went down by \$17.2 million, from \$178.6 million to \$161.4 million, as the country bought less prefabricated steel buildings, plastic bottles, laboratory equipment and sports equipment compared to 2016. Imports of 'Food and Live Animals' declined by \$13.3 million, from \$229.5 million in 2016 to \$216.1 million in 2017, with reductions across various food items, such as soybean meal, wheat flour and coffee.

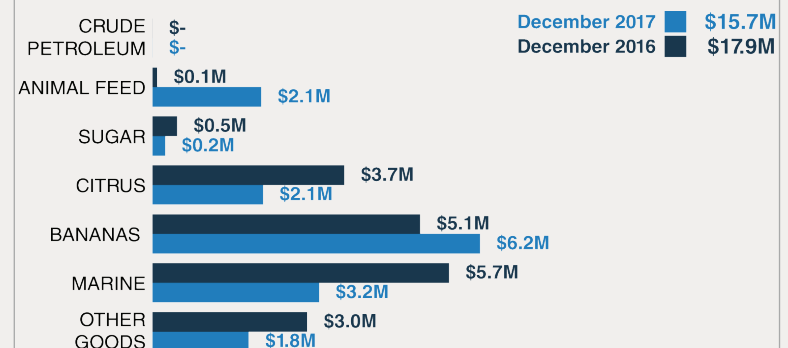
**Figure 1: Monthly Gross Imports and Domestic Exports; December 2012 - December 2017**



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

COMMERCIAL FREE ZONE & EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES	MACHINERY & TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT		36.4 MILLION
	MANUFACTURED GOODS & OTHER MANUFACTURES		31.7 MILLION
	MINERAL FUELS & LUBRICANTS		21.2 MILLION
	FOOD & LIVE ANIMALS		18.8 MILLION
	CHEMICAL PRODUCTS		13.2 MILLION
		ALL OTHER GOODS	8.8 MILLION
		<b>TOTAL = 167.2 MILLION</b>	

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



On the other hand, due to higher world market prices for fuel in 2017, imports of 'Mineral Fuels and Lubricants' recorded a considerable increase during the year, growing by \$28.7 million from \$187 million in 2016 to \$215 million in 2017.

## EXPORTS

**DECEMBER:** The total value of Belize's domestic exports for the month of December 2017 was \$15.7 million, down 12.5 percent or \$2.2 million from the \$17.9 million recorded for December 2016.

Marine products experienced the most substantial decline of all major exports, dropping by \$2.5 million from \$5.7 million to \$3.2 million, as sales of shrimp fell significantly when compared to December 2016. Similarly, exports of citrus products decreased sharply from \$3.7 million in December 2016 to \$2.1 million in December 2017, the result of diminished orange concentrate sales. Bananas, on the other hand, performed positively during the month, with earnings from that commodity growing by \$1.1 million, from \$5.1 million to \$6.2 million. Nevertheless, the largest increase in export revenues for the month came from Belize's other exports, particularly animal feed, as earnings from that commodity surged from \$0.1 million in the last month of 2016 to \$2.1 million in the same month of 2017. As was the case in 2016, minimal sugar sales were recorded for the month of December 2017, and there were no crude petroleum exports in December of either year.

Exports to the United Kingdom fell by \$1.4 million, from \$5.3 million to \$3.9 million, as no shrimp and sugar were sold to that country in December 2017. The rest of the European Union, however, saw a growth in exports, from \$2.3 million to \$3.5 million, due largely to increased sales of bananas and grapefruit juice to that region. Export earnings from Central America rose sharply by \$1.7 million, from \$0.4 million to just over \$2 million, owing mostly to strong sales of animal feed, while diminished orange concentrate sales led to a drop in earnings from the CARICOM region from \$4.1 million in December 2016 to \$2.7 million in December 2017.

**ANNUAL EXPORTS 2017:** Merchandise exports for the year 2017 totalled \$445.6 million, up 10.9 percent or \$43.7 million from total exports of 2016, which amounted to \$401.9 million.

Accounting for a third of Belize's total exports for the year 2017, sugar emerged as the country's top export earner, as revenues from that commodity rose by 43.6 percent or nearly \$45 million from \$103.1 million in 2016 to over \$148 million in 2017. While exported quantities for this product rose by almost 27 percent compared to the previous year, this increase in revenues also reflected more favourable world market prices for sugar during the year. Likewise, bananas performed strongly throughout 2017, recording a 17 percent increase in export earnings over that of 2016 as revenues went up by \$11.9 million, from \$69.9 million in 2016 to \$81.8 million in 2017. Annual crude petroleum earnings were virtually unchanged compared to 2016, notwithstanding a 20.3 percent drop in exported quantities, as revenues were bolstered by more favourable world market prices in 2017. Exports of marine products fell slightly from \$41.9 million in 2016 to \$40.1 million in 2017, as greater sales of lobster tails and lobster meat partially offset the drop in shrimp and conch exports. In 2017, citrus exports declined steeply by \$19.6 million, from \$100.1 million to \$80.5 million, as sales of orange concentrate for the year were significantly lower than they were in 2016.

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



Table 1: Value of Belize's Imports and Exports by Section of the S.I.T.C for December 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			
	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16
Food and Live Animals	18,826.6	19,785.4	14,598.4	16,456.0	0.13	-	14,598.5	16,456.0	(4,228)	(3,329)
Beverages and Tobacco	3,829.6	5,205.2	23.8	15.1	-	103.7	23.8	118.8	(3,806)	(5,086)
Crude Materials	3,326.7	2,962.5	291.7	277.3	-	-	291.7	277.3	(3,035)	(2,685)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	21,165.9	17,943.0	3.2	19.0	1,374.70	1,371.8	1,377.9	1,390.9	(19,788)	(16,552)
Oils and Fats	1,450.1	1,031.1	87.2	64.3	-	-	87.2	64.3	(1,363)	(967)
Chemical Products	13,212.8	16,250.1	-	75.6	301.91	1,022.0	301.9	1,097.6	(12,911)	(15,152)
Manufactured Goods	20,562.0	20,456.3	664.5	1,021.1	80.03	266.5	744.6	1,287.7	(19,817)	(19,169)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	36,379.6	33,736.3	-	-	2,372.09	289.3	2,372.1	289.3	(34,008)	(33,447)
Other Manufactures	11,124.0	14,694.4	22.4	3.6	992.27	1,293.0	1,014.7	1,296.6	(10,109)	(13,398)
Commodities n.e.s	-	56.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(57)
Commercial Free Zone	30,726.5	33,698.1	-	-	1,708.04	2,325.2	1,708.0	2,325.2	(29,018)	(31,373)
Export Processing Zones	6,393.5	2,516.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,394)	(2,517)
Personal Goods	189.4	444.3	-	-	119.41	114.3	119.4	114.3	(70)	(330)
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,186.7</b>	<b>168,780.7</b>	<b>15,691.2</b>	<b>17,932.1</b>	<b>6,948.59</b>	<b>6,785.9</b>	<b>22,639.8</b>	<b>24,717.9</b>	<b>-144,546.9*</b>	<b>-144,062.8*</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 December of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16
United States of America	54,695.9	56,389.4	2,884.6	3,532.6	2,837.5	3,217.3	5,722.1	6,749.9
Mexico	15,355.4	15,979.5	495.6	81.8	174.7	41.9	670.4	123.7
United Kingdom	2,891.6	1,414.1	3,901.4	5,275.2	2,012.1	0.3	5,913.5	5,275.5
Other European Union	9,646.1	4,736.2	3,467.3	2,322.3	28.5	-	3,495.8	2,322.3
Panama	4,147.8	4,837.5	34.7	-	-	132.0	34.7	132.0
Costa Rica	2,075.6	2,105.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Central America	16,431.5	14,997.7	2,011.8	371.0	979.8	1,311.5	2,991.6	1,682.4
Caricom	4,241.3	5,376.3	2,724.0	4,054.0	24.0	64.7	2,748.0	4,118.6
Canada	2,139.3	2,427.4	0.7	-	9.7	21.0	10.4	21.0
Curaçao	16,512.5	14,428.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	20,621.7	25,032.0	-	-	216.5	-	216.5	-
Other	18,427.8	21,056.3	171.1	2,295.2	665.6	1,997.2	836.8	4,292.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,186.7</b>	<b>168,780.7</b>	<b>15,691.2</b>	<b>17,932.1</b>	<b>6,948.6</b>	<b>6,785.9</b>	<b>22,639.8</b>	<b>24,717.9</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 December 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			
	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16
Food and Live Animals	436.0	790.6	2,563.1	4,044.4	-	-	2,563.1	4,044.4	2,127	3,254
Beverages and Tobacco	1,675.3	2,399.5	-	-	-	0.2	-	0.2	(1,675)	(2,399)
Crude Materials	3.1	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3)	(7)
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0)
Oils and Fats	-	-	87.2	-	-	-	87.2	-	87	-
Chemical Products	962.2	826.0	-	9.6	-	-	-	9.6	(962)	(816)
Manufactured goods	637.1	693.7	73.8	-	24.0	36.3	97.8	36.3	(539)	(657)
Mach. & Transp. Eq	272.6	518.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	(273)	(518)
Oth. Manufactures	254.9	140.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	(255)	(141)
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Free Zone	-	-	-	-	-	12.1	-	12.1	-	12
Export Processing Zones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Goods	-	-	-	-	-	16.1	-	16.1	-	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,241.3</b>	<b>5,376.3</b>	<b>2,724.0</b>	<b>4,054.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>2,748.0</b>	<b>4,118.6</b>	<b>(1,493.2)</b>	<b>-1,257.7*</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 December of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16
Antigua & Barbuda	-	-	31.5	-	-	-	31.5	-
Barbados	77.6	954.5	496.3	-	-	-	496.3	-
Dominica	-	-	-	17.8	-	-	-	17.8
Grenada	138.5	354.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	512.7	106.5	193.6	72.1	-	-	193.6	72.1
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	1,561.3	1,457.3	1,427.5	2,659.7	-	16.2	1,427.5	2,676.0
St-Kitts & Nevis	124.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St-Lucia	325.0	423.6	-	-	24.0	-	24.0	-
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surinam	-	-	252.2	-	-	-	252.2	-
Trinidad & Tobago	1,459.3	1,482.9	322.9	1,304.4	-	-	322.9	1,304.4
St Vincent & Gren.	42.2	596.9	-	-	-	48.4	-	48.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,241.3</b>	<b>5,376.3</b>	<b>2,724.0</b>	<b>4,054.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>2,748.0</b>	<b>4,118.6</b>

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 December of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	December		January - December	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Marine Products</b>				
Lbs '000	2,661.9	508.0	2,997.6	3,460.7
Value	3,180.2	5,657.5	40,122.3	41,946.8
<b>Sugar</b>				
L/Ton	197.0	406.1	157,928.7	124,479.5
Value	242.0	469.5	148,037.7	103,076.8
<b>Molasses</b>				
Gals '000	19.7	24.5	12,482.1	8,298.2
Value	24.0	15.2	9,780.7	7,072.5
<b>Orange Concentrate</b>				
Gals '000	57.5	98.9	2,456.6	3,014.1
Value	1,591.1	2,557.8	60,479.7	78,499.0
<b>Grapefruit Concentrate</b>				
Gals '000	14.9	35.6	194.8	436.5
Value	350.2	842.3	4,227.0	9,452.1
<b>Bananas</b>				
M/Ton	6,354.7	5,160.0	83,157.1	70,665.3
Value	6,248.4	5,104.9	81,765.1	69,910.8
<b>Sawn Wood</b>				
Bd Ft '000	27.1	0.1	780.7	799.1
Value	128.5	0.5	6,471.7	6,683.2
<b>Papayas</b>				
Lbs '000	37.8	208.8	3,519.6	7,500.0
Value	16.1	80.7	1,452.6	3,922.4
<b>Crude Oil</b>				
Gallons '000	-	-	11,217.0	14,077.7
Value	-	-	22,746.1	22,483.1
<b>Other Export</b>				
Value	3,910.7	3,203.4	70,502.5	58,878.6
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>15,691.2</b>	<b>17,932.1</b>	<b>445,585.4</b>	<b>401,925.5</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Commodity	December		January - December	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Pepper Sauce</b>				
Lbs	92.1	80.3	1,345.7	1,366.2
Value	273.7	254.2	3,745.6	3,326.6
<b>Orange Oil</b>				
Lbs	-	16.0	1,910.2	1,803.1
Value	-	58.6	10,980.7	6,193.2
<b>Grapefruit Oil</b>				
Lbs	-	-	23.1	50.1
Value	-	-	745.6	1,164.3
<b>R.K. Beans</b>				
Lbs	-	193.0	7,788.6	11,005.3
Value	-	150.8	8,124.1	8,779.9
<b>Black Eye Peas</b>				
Lbs	252.5	1,128.6	6,932.5	8,225.4
Value	253.8	678.1	5,789.6	5,767.9
<b>Pulp Cells</b>				
Lbs	122.1	4.2	2,804.5	3,691.0
Value	91.8	4.7	1,878.0	2,630.6
<b>Animal Feed</b>				
Lbs	10,177.9	315.7	90,250.3	80,749.0
Value	2,074.8	89.2	15,637.7	12,686.7
<b>Corn Meal</b>				
Lbs	154.0	517.7	4,647.4	4,127.0
Value	56.6	242.0	1,872.5	1,753.2
<b>Other Value</b>				
Value	1,159.9	1,725.9		
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>3,910.7</b>	<b>3,203.4</b>	<b>70,502.5</b>	<b>58,878.6</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

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

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16	Dec-17	Dec-16
United Arab Emirates	572.3	348.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republic Of Austria	252.4	522.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	2,007.5	689.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	705.1	892.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany,Fedl.Rep.of	619.4	969.2	3.9	8.4	28.5	-	32.4	8.4
Denmark	423.9	407.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	11,080.2	10,432.1	1,999.8	312.4	331.4	482.6	2,331.1	795.0
Honduras	3,064.2	3,681.6	12.0	-	642.1	946.9	654.2	946.9
India	1,332.4	1,331.9	71.8	-	49.5	-	121.4	-
Japan	938.8	3,485.2	99.3	72.2	3.1	-	102.5	72.2
South Korea	945.1	2,690.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	664.7	329.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands (Holland)	1,688.8	1,200.6	863.5	107.1	-	-	863.5	107.1
Russian Federation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	2,283.2	1,754.0	-	58.6	-	-	-	58.6
Thailand	519.7	922.2	-	290.6	-	-	-	290.6
New Taiwan	819.4	1,091.7	-	395.4	-	-	-	395.4
Venezuela	-	-	-	42.4	242.6	-	242.6	42.4
Vietnam	723.1	159.4	-	451.9	-	-	-	451.9

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 December 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-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016
Food and Live Animals	216,139.6	229,462.6	388,854.5	355,571.1	96.2	1,601.9	388,950.7	357,173.0	172,811.1	127,710.4
Beverages and Tobacco	35,299.4	38,433.4	529.3	382.4	2,690.3	4,966.5	3,219.5	5,348.9	-32,079.8	-33,084.5
Crude Materials	35,450.9	36,091.1	8,509.9	9,524.7	483.2	36.3	8,993.1	9,560.9	-26,457.7	-26,530.2
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	215,664.7	187,009.5	22,950.1	22,712.2	19,002.4	12,732.2	41,952.5	35,444.4	-173,712.2	-151,565.2
Oils and Fats	16,443.1	13,713.9	262.9	263.0	3.1	21.2	266.0	284.2	-16,177.1	-13,429.7
Chemical Products	174,459.9	171,975.3	15,633.8	8,700.7	8,305.4	3,166.2	23,939.2	11,866.9	-150,520.7	-160,108.4
Manufactured goods	244,039.4	236,227.9	8,404.3	4,528.8	2,457.2	4,930.6	10,861.4	9,459.4	-233,177.9	-226,768.5
Mach. & Transp. Eq	375,529.2	458,730.9	18.2	19.3	13,378.6	12,570.9	13,396.8	12,590.2	-362,132.4	-446,140.7
Oth. Manufactures	161,362.5	178,557.6	422.5	223.3	23,110.1	23,136.3	23,532.6	23,359.7	-137,829.9	-155,198.0
Commodities n.e.s	323.6	610.5	-	-	-	14.7	-	14.7	-323.6	-595.8
Commercial Free Zone	307,243.4	305,484.3	-	-	38,717.5	26,302.5	38,717.5	26,302.5	-268,525.9	-279,181.8
Export Processing Zones	41,113.2	45,348.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-41,113.2	-45,348.5
Personal Goods	3,513.0	3,918.5	-	-	1,340.5	1,119.4	1,340.5	1,119.4	-2,172.5	-2,799.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,826,581.8</b>	<b>1,905,564.2</b>	<b>445,585.4</b>	<b>401,925.5</b>	<b>109,584.5</b>	<b>90,598.9</b>	<b>555,169.9</b>	<b>492,524.3</b>	<b>-1,271,411.9*</b>	<b>-1,413,039.8*</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 December of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

Country	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016
United States of America	650,585.8	712,369.0	87,487.7	94,609.9	48,106.3	38,047.2	135,594.0	132,657.1
Mexico	203,801.6	206,652.6	1,350.9	589.7	1,880.2	2,383.5	3,231.1	2,973.2
United Kingdom	23,255.9	25,487.8	150,517.7	138,547.4	2,990.6	1,130.1	153,508.3	139,677.5
Other European Union	65,686.0	56,206.7	93,486.3	60,854.4	932.0	493.9	94,418.3	61,348.2
Panama	59,774.1	63,622.1	111.3	455.0	7,467.1	8,029.0	7,578.5	8,484.0
Costa Rica	22,201.9	23,701.3	4.2	8.5	28.9	20.4	33.1	29.0
Other Central America	194,623.9	188,469.7	9,590.7	6,109.9	23,142.5	12,398.5	32,733.1	18,508.4
Caricom	47,760.0	53,834.4	76,570.9	76,302.3	1,392.3	3,267.5	77,963.2	79,569.8
Canada	20,282.9	18,144.5	723.9	1,031.5	387.8	490.9	1,111.7	1,522.4
Curaçao	147,819.9	141,436.0	-	-	10.2	12.5	10.2	12.5
China	205,339.5	223,299.3	99.1	-	3,718.2	2,595.2	3,817.2	2,595.2
Other	185,450.3	192,340.9	25,642.9	23,416.9	19,528.3	21,730.1	45,171.2	45,147.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,826,581.8</b>	<b>1,905,564.2</b>	<b>445,585.4</b>	<b>401,925.5</b>	<b>109,584.5</b>	<b>90,598.9</b>	<b>555,169.9</b>	<b>492,524.3</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 December 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-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016
Food and Live Animals	5,947.5	6,670.7	52,312.6	52,245.2	20.0	0.1	52,332.6	52,245.3	46,385.0	45,574.6
Beverages and Tobacco	18,921.0	24,046.2	29.9	63.0	33.5	1,266.6	63.3	1,329.6	-18,857.6	-22,716.5
Crude Materials	206.2	327.3	98.8	527.6	1.1	-	99.9	527.6	-106.3	200.3
Mineral Fuels & Lub.	2.0	1.4	22,746.1	22,483.1	-	-	22,746.1	22,483.1	22,744.2	22,481.7
Oils and Fats	6.7	3.7	261.5	174.3	-	-	261.5	174.3	254.7	170.6
Chemical Products	8,857.4	8,891.3	310.4	333.4	-	3.1	310.4	336.6	-8,547.0	-8,554.8
Manufactured goods	7,066.2	6,403.2	730.8	475.5	782.0	743.0	1,512.8	1,218.5	-5,553.5	-5,184.7
Mach. & Transp. Eqt	3,052.1	3,899.4	10.1	-	144.8	602.3	154.9	602.3	-2,897.2	-3,297.1
Oth. Manufactures	3,029.3	3,347.6	70.8	0.2	43.2	249.5	114.0	249.8	-2,915.3	-3,097.9
Commodities n.e.s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Commercial Free Zone	664.1	98.2	-	-	0.7	356.6	0.7	356.6	-663.4	258.4
Export Processing Zones	0.9	11.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.9	-11.7
Personal Goods	6.6	133.7	-	-	367.0	46.3	367.0	46.3	360.4	-87.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,760.0</b>	<b>53,834.4</b>	<b>76,570.9</b>	<b>76,302.3</b>	<b>1,392.3</b>	<b>3,267.5</b>	<b>77,963.2</b>	<b>79,569.8</b>	<b>30,203.2*</b>	<b>25,735.4*</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 December of 2016 and 2017

(BZ \$ '000)

S.I.T.C Section	Imports (C.I.F)		Exports (F.O.B)					
			Domestic		Re-Exports		Total	
	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016
Antigua & Barbuda	438.9	428.4	222.8	152.2	-	-	222.8	152.2
Barbados	2,036.4	3,408.6	26,235.0	26,628.1	-	1.5	26,235.0	26,629.6
Dominica	704.7	1,108.6	112.4	17.8	143.3	157.7	255.7	175.5
Grenada	2,211.1	3,265.7	209.5	99.3	48.9	-	258.4	99.3
Guyana	2,740.9	1,877.0	2,376.5	1,992.4	462.5	73.9	2,839.0	2,066.2
Haiti	-	27.1	1,162.6	376.7	28.0	-	1,190.6	376.7
Jamaica	12,347.8	13,991.2	29,892.2	26,950.7	9.0	808.5	29,901.3	27,759.2
St. Kitts & Nevis	838.2	1,117.2	224.4	224.8	-	-	224.4	224.8
St. Lucia	2,534.2	3,130.2	209.3	227.1	351.3	25.1	560.6	252.2
Montserrat	4.9	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	-	28.9	872.3	49.2	-	177.5	872.3	226.7
Trinidad & Tobago	22,180.0	22,099.2	15,035.6	19,515.7	34.6	346.3	15,070.3	19,862.0
St Vincent & Gren.	1,722.8	3,352.1	18.1	68.5	314.6	1,677.0	332.7	1,745.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,760.0</b>	<b>53,834.4</b>	<b>76,570.9</b>	<b>76,302.3</b>	<b>1,392.3</b>	<b>3,267.5</b>	<b>77,963.2</b>	<b>79,569.8</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	December			January - December
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Consumer Goods</b>					
11: Food and beverages	206,184	18,061.4	20,980.5	194,232	206,184
12: Transport equipment	19,291	5,679.8	1,306.1	19,567	19,291
13: Durable goods	59,647	5,774.7	5,539.0	56,272	59,647
14: Semi-durable goods	69,971	5,024.6	6,567.1	61,863	69,971
15: Non-durable goods	108,192	7,564.5	10,000.5	115,437	108,192
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>					
21: Food and beverages	28,102	2,851.0	1,319.6	26,235	28,102
22: Fuels and lubricants	117,217	14,961.0	12,026.5	134,933	117,217
23: Parts and accessories	127,437	7,828.0	9,140.6	101,906	127,437
24: Industrial supplies nes	424,769	33,138.2	36,533.3	419,793	424,769
<b>Capital Goods</b>					
31: Transport equipment	62,894	4,381.4	5,509.0	44,933	62,894
32: Other capital goods	210,269	15,178.5	13,016.0	184,392	210,269
<b>Other Goods</b>					
41: Passenger motor cars	42,343	2,940.9	4,049.6	31,008	42,343
42: Motor spirit	69,944	6,402.5	5,999.9	81,136	69,944
43: Goods to EPZ	45,348	6,393.5	2,516.9	41,113	45,348
44: Goods to CFZ	305,484	30,726.5	33,698.1	307,243	305,484
45: Household goods	3,919	189.4	444.3	3,513	3,919
46: Goods nes	4,553	90.6	133.7	3,005	4,553
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>1,905,564.2</b>	<b>167,186.7</b>	<b>168,780.7</b>	<b>1,826,582</b>	<b>1,905,564</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>492,524.3</b>	<b>22,639.8</b>	<b>24,717.9</b>	<b>555,169.9</b>	<b>492,524.3</b>
<b>Visible Trade Gap</b>	<b>-1,133,858.1*</b>	<b>-144,546.9*</b>	<b>-144,062.8*</b>	<b>-1,271,412*</b>	<b>-1,413,040*</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 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017
<b>Consumer Goods</b>					
11. Food and beverages	52,170.9	45,375	51,880	43,507	53,471
12. Transport equipment	5,170.7	3,548	4,316	2,689	9,014
13. Durable goods	16,764.6	11,858	11,785	14,458	18,171
14. Semi-durable goods	20,511.7	14,820	15,728	14,009	17,306
15. Non-durable goods	27,812.7	26,689	31,145	29,572	28,030
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>					
21. Food and beverages	6,231.4	7,683	6,141	5,569	6,842
22. Fuels and lubricants	30,763.7	34,658	32,489	34,227	33,558
23. Parts and accessories	24,688.5	25,489	23,998	24,773	27,646
24. Industrial supplies nes	107,116.9	103,265	112,642	100,870	103,017
<b>Capital Goods</b>					
31. Transport equipment	17,334.4	12,388	9,898	11,231	11,416
32. Other capital goods	50,004.6	43,655	49,894	42,073	48,769
<b>Other Goods</b>					
41. Passenger motor cars	12,002.4	8,327	7,878	7,274	7,529
42. Motor spirit	18,590.7	19,669	20,203	22,875	18,389
43. Goods to EPZ	7,875.6	7,957	12,702	7,363	13,092
44. Goods to CFZ	85,145.4	64,031	70,770	79,878	92,564
45. Household goods	1,283.9	1,069	755	753	937
46. Goods nes	649.9	1,137	476	719	674
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>484,118.1</b>	<b>431,616</b>	<b>462,701</b>	<b>441,840</b>	<b>490,425</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>82,183.40</b>	<b>157,341.47</b>	<b>178,183.84</b>	<b>123,455.89</b>	<b>96,188.72</b>
<b>Visible Trade Gap</b>	<b>-401,934.7*</b>	<b>-274,275*</b>	<b>-284,517*</b>	<b>-318,384*</b>	<b>-394,236*</b>

Source: Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

\* Balance of Trade excluding CFZ