

# BELIZE EXTERNAL TRADE BULLETIN

## SEPTEMBER 2008

**Table 1: Gross Imports by SITC Category**

Section	BZ\$ million			
	September	September	Year - to - date	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Food and Live Animals	8.53	14.25	93.70	123.61
Beverages and Tobacco	0.48	0.91	8.94	10.80
Crude Materials	0.85	0.97	8.56	8.51
Mineral Fuels & Lubricants	2.38	12.34	168.53	225.57
Oils and Fats	0.16	0.37	3.00	4.22
Chemical Products	6.97	8.04	74.69	90.28
Manufactured goods	15.69	22.69	119.48	175.27
Mach. & Transport Equipment	19.99	26.98	179.41	265.33
Other Manufactured Goods	5.65	6.58	72.01	73.63
Commodities n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.60
Export Processing Zones	5.89	10.33	79.01	70.78
Commercial Free Zone	18.72	27.87	183.86	227.43
Personal and Household Goods	0.27	0.31	2.06	2.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>85.58</b>	<b>131.62</b>	<b>993.26</b>	<b>1,279.29</b>

Source: SIB

**Table 2: Imports by Economic End-use**

	BZ\$ million			
	September	September	Year - to - date	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Consumer Goods</b>				
11. Food and beverages	6.76	8.72	71.73	85.00
12. Transport equipment	0.72	0.73	8.97	9.69
13. Durable goods	2.02	2.23	23.49	25.61
14. Semi-durable goods	3.04	2.83	26.22	26.52
15. Non-durable goods	3.92	4.86	49.39	49.74
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>				
21. Food and beverages	0.74	3.70	11.49	29.43
22. Fuels and lubricants	2.35	9.30	118.88	156.43
23. Parts and accessories	5.83	7.81	49.50	73.81
24. Industrial supplies n.e.s.	22.27	29.99	196.23	267.86
<b>Capital Goods</b>				
31. Transport equipment	4.14	5.43	32.84	41.78
32. Other capital goods	6.71	12.50	70.72	119.39
<b>Other Goods</b>				
41. Passenger motor cars	2.04	2.02	18.60	22.62
42. Motor spirit	0.06	2.99	49.77	68.71
43. Export Processing Zones	5.89	10.33	79.01	70.78
44. Commercial Free Zone	18.72	27.87	183.86	227.43
45. Household goods	0.27	0.31	2.06	2.26
46. Goods n.e.s	0.10	0.00	0.48	2.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>85.58</b>	<b>131.62</b>	<b>993.26</b>	<b>1,279.29</b>

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**Table 3: Gross Imports by Origin**

	BZ\$ million			
	September	September	Year - to - date	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
United States of America	31.06	43.82	339.83	430.02
Mexico	9.28	13.75	93.11	119.91
United Kingdom	1.12	0.98	16.76	19.43
Other European Union	2.98	9.51	34.79	49.86
Central America	22.05	25.25	194.03	257.05
Caricom	3.07	2.88	21.40	19.84
Canada	0.39	1.23	10.19	10.98
Other	15.63	34.21	283.16	372.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>85.58</b>	<b>131.62</b>	<b>993.26</b>	<b>1,279.29</b>

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\*n.e.s. - not elsewhere specified

- Gross merchandise imports for September 2008 rose by 53.8% to 131.62 million compared to the same month last year. This expansion is mainly due to increased expenditure on fuel, steel and machinery and transport equipment.
- The 41.0% increase in imports from the United States of America was driven primarily by the importation of telecommunication equipment and heavy machinery, while the increase in imports from 'Other' countries was as a result of higher importation of diesel oil from the Netherland Antilles.
- With the exception of sugar, all major domestic export commodities showed an increase in revenues. Petroleum exports in particular accounted for almost 60% of total sales, the majority of which went to the United States of America.
- The 'Other Fish' category continues to earn higher revenues than last year as a result of the continued success in the farmed fish industry. Up to September, earnings in this category was almost six times more than what it was at the same point last year.

**Table 4: Major Domestic Exports**

	BZ\$ million			
	September	September	Year - to - date	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Marine Products</b>				
tonne	0.48	0.44	2.08	3.03
value	5.05	5.29	28.92	34.05
<b>Sugar</b>				
tonne	0.18	-	84.18	67.32
value	0.17	-	87.86	71.36
<b>Orange Concentrate</b>				
million gallons	0.05	0.11	4.15	5.11
value	0.96	1.95	90.57	89.73
<b>Grapefruit Concentrate</b>				
million gallons	0.00	0.01	0.74	0.56
value	0.11	0.13	15.38	7.98
<b>Bananas</b>				
tonne	6.28	9.22	44.90	60.35
value	3.14	7.01	31.96	52.83
<b>Papayas</b>				
tonne	0.69	2.38	30.48	22.14
value	0.35	2.02	24.63	16.77
<b>Crude Petroleum</b>				
million gallons	1.91	5.36	27.39	35.04
value	7.02	29.68	88.59	191.43
<b>Other</b>				
value	2.17	3.76	41.06	29.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.97</b>	<b>49.85</b>	<b>408.97</b>	<b>494.01</b>

quantity in thousands of units, unless otherwise stated

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**Table 5: Domestic Exports by Destination**

	BZ\$ million			
	September	September	Year - to - date	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
United States of America	5.01	36.35	118.69	213.65
Mexico	0.76	0.47	8.29	7.63
United Kingdom	3.13	7.43	82.26	102.87
Other European Union	0.81	1.32	70.35	36.39
Central America	7.10	1.06	90.11	98.83
Caricom	1.70	1.35	24.89	21.28
Canada	0.00	0.54	0.53	2.13
Other	0.47	1.32	13.84	11.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.97</b>	<b>49.85</b>	<b>408.97</b>	<b>494.01</b>

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**Table 6: Marine Exports by Type**

	BZ\$ thousand			
	September	September	Year - to - date	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Aquarium Fish</b>				
no.	996	1,939	39,353	28,740
value	16.26	17.84	164.74	185.46
<b>Other Fish</b>				
tonne	6.97	109.70	120.53	994.18
value	70.33	404.40	603.50	3,466.23
<b>Lobster</b>				
tonne	23.48	28.39	176.45	166.15
value	1,911.46	1,940.42	13,548.06	12,380.04
<b>White Farm Shrimp</b>				
tonne	448.06	296.99	1,657.17	1,707.21
value	3,069.49	2,825.75	11,887.79	14,503.35
<b>Conch</b>				
tonne	0.00	4.54	124.20	166.54
value	0.00	118.02	2,877.03	3,700.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>478.51</b>	<b>439.62</b>	<b>2,078.36</b>	<b>3,034.08</b>
value	<b>5,051.28</b>	<b>5,288.60</b>	<b>28,916.38</b>	<b>34,049.75</b>

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