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Introduction

This is the eleventh edition of international merchandise trade statistics released by the Statistics Office of the Ministry of Finance. The publication follows the United Nations definition and compilation practice of merchandise trade statistics. Technical notes relating to data sources, classification of commodities, valuation, timing of recording and other technical issues can be obtained from the Statistics Office on request.

Major data limitations highlighted in previous bulletins still remain and are again noted here for ease of reference as follows:-

- Data from the Customs Office is in unedited format and tedious efforts have been made to validate the data only at the aggregate level. These meant that statistics on the volume of trade cannot be compiled adequately given the poor quality of the data at the present stage.
- Data from Customs Office represents mainly the Honiara major port and to a small extent include data from the other outer island ports.
- Data from 1998-2000 from Customs is unavailable or incomplete for the purposes of time series for these periods.
- Data on illegal trading of goods is not captured in this publication.
- A number of other secondary data sources were used to adjust for the discrepancies in the data from Customs.

Small discrepancies between totals and sums of commodities in tables are due to rounding.

The possible symbols that are likely to be used are:

- Nil if representing a value
- Negative change if representing a percentage change
- + Positive change if representing a percentage change
- P preliminary figure, subject to revision
- E Estimated
- R revised
- N/A not available.

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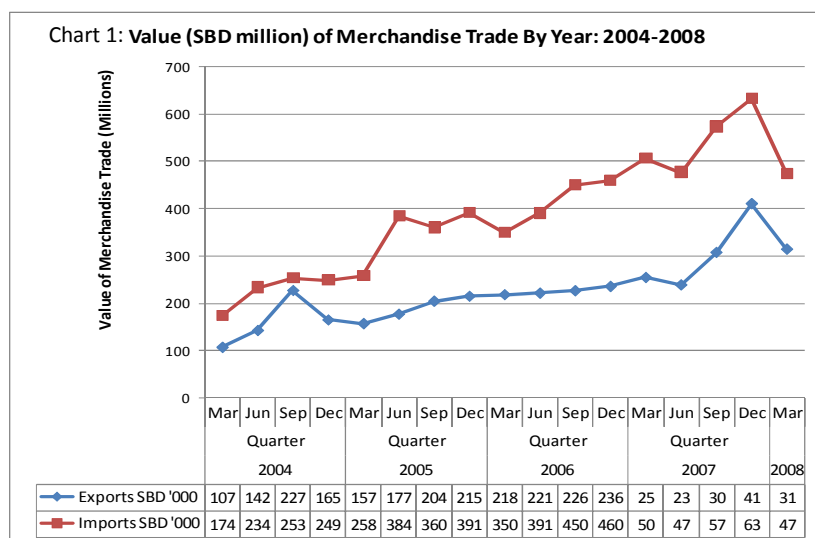
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Major Highlights



2008 First Quarter (March)

The merchandise trade balance as recorded in the March Quarter 2008 showed a deficit of \$158.7 million. This was a decrease of \$63.8 million (28.7%) from the preceding quarter, and \$93.1 million (37.0%) from the previous corresponding quarter. Total exports for the March quarter was \$314.5 million, a decrease of \$96.1 million [23.4%] over the preceding quarter but a rise of \$59.8 million (23.5%) over the same period a year ago.

The year ended March 2008 recorded an annual trade deficit of \$885.3 million, an increase of \$16.9 million (1.9%) over the deficit for the same period in 2007. Imports for the year ended March 2008 rose by \$350.2 million (19.4%) to \$2156.9 million while exports rose by \$333.3 million (35.5 %) to \$1271.6 million for the same period.

Table 1: Value (SBD '000) of International Merchandise Trade: Yr/Qtr 2004-2008

Year/Qtr	EXPORTS (including Re-Exports) (fob)	Percent change (%) from same period of previous Yr/Qtr for Exports	IMPORTS (cif)	Percent change (%) from same period of previous Yr/Qtr for Imports	RE - EXPORTS	TRADE BALANCE (Exports - Imports)
Year ended						
Dec-2004	641,014		908,738		1,103	-267,724
Dec-2005	753,128	17.5	1,393,699	53	1,005	-640,571
Dec-2006	901,793	19.7	1,650,144	18	12,165	-748,351
Dec-2007	1,211,800	34.4	2,190,199	33	3,298	-978,399
Mar-2004	487,012	0	726,568	0	1,044	-239,556
Mar-2005	691,172	41.9	992,409	37	1,071	-301,236
Mar-2006	814,383	17.8	1,486,019	50	1,054	-671,636
Mar-2007	938,245	15.2	1,806,687	22	12,369	-868,442
Mar-2008	1,271,582	35.5	2,156,896	19	4,610	-885,314
Quarter Ended						
Mar-2004	106,807		173,908		145	-67,101
Jun-2004	142,476	33.4	233,604	34	179	-91,128
Sep-2004	226,941	59.3	252,710	8	741	-25,769
Dec-2004	164,790	-27.4	248,516	-2	37	-83,726
Mar-2005	156,966		257,578		113	-100,613
Jun-2005	176,939	12.7	384,302	49	70	-207,363
Sep-2005	204,464	15.6	360,459	-6	780	-155,994
Dec-2005	214,760	5.0	391,361	9	41	-176,601
Mar-2006	218,220		349,898		163	-131,678
Jun-2006	221,461	1.5	390,644	12	24	-169,183
Sep-2006	226,467	2.3	449,647	15	11,696	-223,180
Dec-2006	235,645	4.1	459,955	2	282	-224,310
Mar-2007	254,672		506,441		367	-251,769
Jun-2007	238,914	-6.2	477,215	-6	754	-238,301
Sep-2007	307,619	28.8	573,443	20	1,098	-265,823
Dec-2007	410,595	33.5	633,100	10	1,079	-222,506
Mar-2008	314,455		473,138		1,679	-158,684

The quarterly deficit trend which began to increase at the end of the September 2004 quarter continues to widen moderately with a relative decline at the end of the March Quarter.

Merchandise trade balance with major trading partners recorded relatively higher deficits with Australia and Singapore, while trade with China continues to show a relatively strong surplus compared to other major trading partners. The trade balance compared to the corresponding quarter a year ago records the following:

- The deficit with Australia decreased by \$7.4m (5.1%) to \$145.9m.
- The deficit with Singapore decreased by \$10.5m (7.2%) to \$135m; Singapore is the main source of fuel imports.
- The deficit with Papua New Guinea increased by \$11.9m (47.9%) to \$35.9m.
- The deficit with New Zealand increased by \$4.4m (up 20 %) to \$26.4m
- The deficit with Thailand declined by \$33.5m (down 67.9%) to a surplus of \$28.5m
- The deficit with Japan decreased by \$13.1m (down 38.2%) to \$21.2m.
- The surplus with China decreased by \$10.9m (down 8.7%) to \$114.6m.
- The surplus with South Korea decreased by \$4.8m (down 34.1 %) to \$9.1m.

Chart 2a: Trade Balance as at Year Ended March: 2004 to 2008

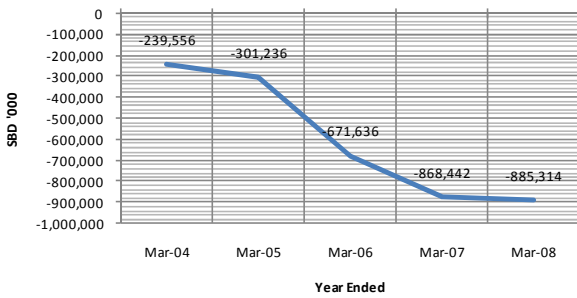


Chart 2b: Trade Balance (SBD'000) by Quarter 2004 to 2008

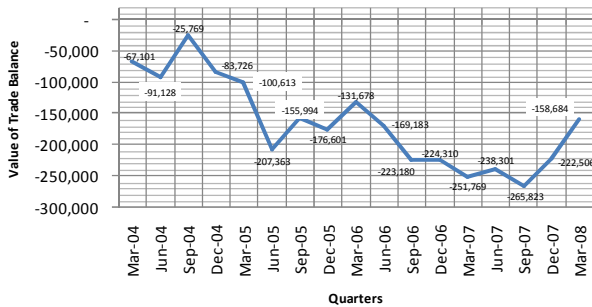


Chart 3: Trade Balance with selected Trading Partners March Quarter 2007 & 2008

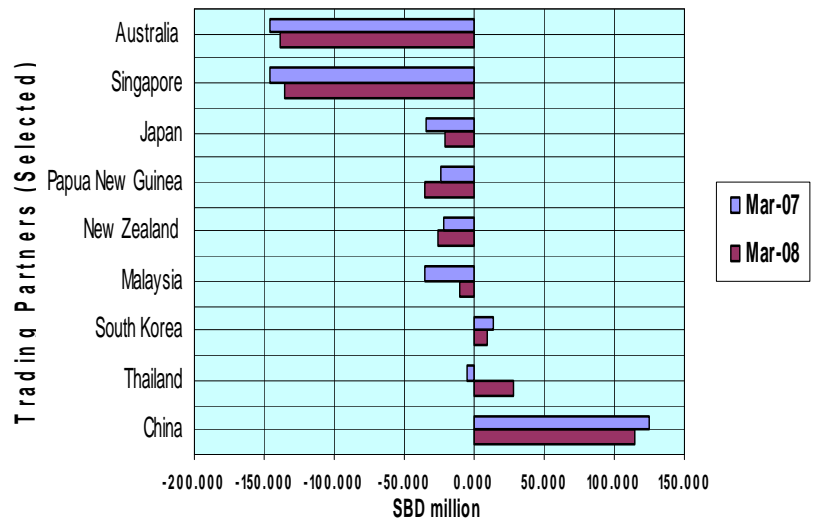


Table 2a: Value (SBD'000) of imports by country of origin: 2003-2007

Country of Origin	Year ended on same period % Change	Year ended December				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
OCEANIA	33.8	974,802	728,660	578,786	437,569	375,785
Australia	33.7	689,759	515,756	381,625	267,960	268,336
PNG	54.9	125,009	80,717	99,219	67,418	49,939
NZ	18.7	122,471	103,191	75,585	78,797	40,762
Fiji	32.6	32,990	24,883	17,696	19,384	13,745
Vanuatu	13.1	4,422	3,909	4,534	4,008	2,987
Other	-25.4	151	203	127	2	15
ASIA	87.1	1,156,979	618,533	730,945	435,749	303,030
Japan	58.4	179,034	113,001	97,106	64,389	32,343
Singapore	156.0	591,410	231,011	334,183	203,989	195,435
South Korea	185.4	17,678	6,195	28,946	18,168	2,961
Hong Kong	23.5	26,358	21,335	24,448	8,197	15,386
China	92.2	108,414	56,397	53,815	45,367	16,893
Taiwan	116.7	12,226	5,641	6,849	6,874	3,165
Thailand	12.6	41,883	37,195	29,500	18,004	5,988
Indonesia	92.9	45,092	23,378	40,807	24,649	11,594
Malaysia	23.8	127,003	102,613	107,804	39,223	14,647
Philippines	-42.0	3,805	6,566	-	-	0
Other	-73.2	4,077	15,202	7,487	6,889	4,617
EUROPE	-37.4	35,530	56,740	22,689	14,855	12,592
UK	-14.0	14,128	16,427	4,171	2,615	1,681
Germany	1.4	9,326	9,196	10,156	6,621	5,553
Denmark	-38.2	716	1,158	1,169	394	160
Spain	-40.2	142	237	1,675	556	456
Italy	-92.2	1,664	21,317	614	1,612	171
Belgium	-7.8	3,679	3,989	761	556	456
Netherlands	-	2,112	2,472	4,143	1,612	171
Sweden	-	1,823	774	-	629	719
Oth. Europe	-	1,941	1,170	-	260	3,225
AFRICA	55.4	458	295	1,777	458	65
Malawi	-7.8	227	247	21	-	-
Uganda	-	13	-	1	-	1
South Africa	77.5	85	48	1,085	407	28
Other	0.0	133	-	670	51	37
AMERICA	-68.4	18,753	59,301	58,514	20,106	12,932
USA	-72.8	15,523	57,033	56,107	19,043	12,199
Other	42.4	3,230	2,268	2,408	1,063	732
OTH.REGIONS	-98.0	3,676	186,615	368	-	-
Total	32.7	2,190,199	1,650,144	1,393,080	908,738	704,405

Table 2b: Value (SBD'000) Of Imports By Country of Origin and Quarter: 2006 to 2008

Country of Origin	Qtr ended on same period %	QUARTER									
		Change	2008			2007			2006		
			Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar
OCEANIA	5.4	223,928	284,375	219,953	258,076	212,398	209,281	194,335	188,817	136,226	
Australia	-5.8	145,948	206,557	154,773	173,557	154,872	144,261	147,495	137,235	86,765	
PNG	36.9	37,301	34,550	25,160	38,050	27,250	23,124	21,971	17,561	18,060	
NZ	21.7	28,228	31,461	31,315	36,493	23,202	32,852	16,876	29,262	24,201	
Fiji	64.0	10,299	10,531	7,247	8,932	6,279	7,299	7,677	4,485	5,423	
Vanuatu	158.8	2,035	1,242	1,371	1,023	787	1,715	303	272	1,619	
Other	1,532.3	117	35	87	21	7	30	12	2	158	
ASIA	-17.0	235,562	325,059	335,050	213,090	283,780	150,221	150,306	134,674	183,332	
Japan	-33.2	30,418	56,708	52,754	24,036	45,536	18,703	51,823	27,226	15,248	
Singapore	-6.8	140,700	162,339	176,164	102,019	150,889	34,478	42,985	57,405	96,143	
South Korea	-79.8	1,877	4,191	1,038	3,172	9,277	1,143	837	1,082	3,133	
Hong Kong	44.3	3,100	6,238	6,220	11,751	2,148	5,658	6,977	4,726	3,974	
China	6.3	25,236	42,223	27,250	15,211	23,730	18,466	12,577	13,348	12,007	
Taiwan	262.6	1,230	1,134	1,954	8,799	339	1,626	950	1,616	1,449	
Thailand	-16.1	6,531	16,443	9,753	7,901	7,786	15,138	6,814	6,540	8,704	
Indonesia	100.8	8,448	9,165	23,031	8,688	4,208	6,683	6,659	3,972	6,064	
Malaysia	-66.8	12,606	24,480	34,783	29,721	38,020	36,266	17,489	17,430	31,428	
Philippines	-51.5	665	1,106	742	587	1,371	1,827	2,921	1,329	490	
Other	894.9	4,751	1,034	1,363	1,204	478	10,235	276	-	4,692	
EUROPE	-8.4	6,515	15,901	8,331	4,183	7,114	9,121	4,633	31,741	11,245	
UK	-14.5	1,096	10,709	1,610	527	1,281	5,083	843	2,540	7,960	
Germany	-71.8	602	2,675	2,069	2,450	2,132	2,672	2,492	4,008	25	
Denmark	-	4,037	1	696	19	-	150	865	74	70	
Spain	-89.6	3	109	-	-	32	46	-	162	29	
Italy	-57.8	307	638	292	5	728	315	78	20,739	186	
Belgium	-100.0	-	1,324	2,287	62	5	-	-	3,714	275	
Netherlands	-88.6	159	10	207	502	1,394	78	134	-	2,260	
Sweden	-66.9	272	180	389	435	820	437	-	302	35	
Oth. Europe	-94.5	39	254	781	183	723	340	221	205	405	
AFRICA	-100.0	-	13	133	85	227	1	-	248	46	
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	227	-	-	247	-	
Uganda	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
South Africa	-100.0	-	-	-	85	-	1	-	1	46	
Other	-	-	-	133	-	-	-	-	-	-	
AMERICA	152.0	7,123	7,734	6,416	1,777	2,827	8,789	2,167	29,953	18,391	
USA	252.2	6,911	7,270	4,530	1,762	1,962	6,646	2,102	29,896	18,389	
Other	-75.4	212	464	1,886	15	865	2,144	65	57	3	
OTH.REGIONS	-89.6	10	18	3,560	4	94	82,542	98,206	5,210	657	
Total	-6.6	473,138	633,100	573,443	477,215	506,441	459,955	449,647	390,644	349,898	

Table 3a: Value (SBD '000) of Exports by Destination-Country, 2003-2007

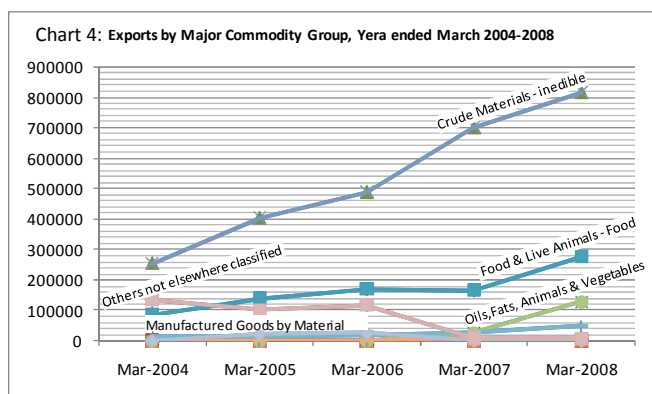
Country of Final Destination	Year ended on same period	Year ended December				
		% Change				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
OCEANIA	-1.7	66,935	68,084	35,920	44,374	35,902
Australia	19.8	35,150	29,343	20,228	32,177	24,034
PNG	-30.6	7,731	11,148	909	1,249	4,214
NZ	-21.8	7,491	9,575	3,864	4,555	5,020
Fiji	59.2	8,707	5,470	6,053	407	729
Vanuatu	42.3	2,458	1,728	3,763	5,272	567
Other	-50.1	5,398	10,819	1,103	713	1,337
ASIA	27.6	980,113	767,883	631,458	522,992	431,155
Japan	-58.8	58,013	140,842	222,899	136,737	134,628
Singapore	19.2	52,584	44,122	27,543	34,097	27,689
Sth Korea	2.0	73,697	72,225	80,049	88,865	6,794
Hong Kong	75.2	15,421	8,803	11,503	9,858	4,217
China	38.3	564,011	407,722	242,104	166,098	124,408
Taiwan	101.5	1,326	658	1,378	662	1,305
Thailand	46.1	87,392	59,836	28,781	17,217	46,580
Indonesia	43.5	3,959	2,759	1,780	287	5,339
Malaysia	49.5	16,787	11,228	13,176	15,414	25,784
Philippines	-	36,170	-	-	49,623	-
Other	259.4	70,753	19,688	2,244	4,135	54,411
EUROPE	235.0	154,911	46,244	59,534	46,287	20,384
UK	432.8	46,836	8,791	11,469	992	415
Germany	846.5	1,962	207	30,542	32,044	10,784
Denmark	-	-	-	2,690	-	210
Spain	-	48,909	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	56,323	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-100.0	-	9,743	12,721	12,306	8,962
Netherlands	45.6	75	52	536	19	8
Sweden	-	-	-	1,576	925	-
Other	-97.1	806	27,452	-	-	4
AFRICA	-	6,985	-	-	-	-
AMERICA	-87.4	611	4,854	25,529	26,700	11,349
USA	-25.7	601	809	25,517	26,700	10,804
Other	-	9	-	12	-	545
OTH. REGIONS	-84.8	2,245	14,727	687	662	1,305
Total Exports	34.4	1,211,800	901,793	753,128	641,014	500,095

Table 3b: Value of Exports by Country of Final Destination and Quarter: 2006-2008

Country of Final Destination	Quarterr ended on same period	QUARTER								
		2008			2007			2006		
		% Change	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun
OCEANIA	-2.6	15,323	15,784	18,785	14,826	17,540	16,198	33,072	8,678	10,136
Australia	0.5	7,429	8,439	10,610	7,188	8,913	8,395	10,810	4,853	5,285
PNG	-87.7	1,407	110	2,442	1,907	3,272	897	9,563	17	670
NZ	-17.4	1,834	2,716	1,939	1,589	1,246	3,288	2,729	1,931	1,628
Fiji	148.5	172	1,340	1,882	2,249	3,236	539	1,573	1,291	2,067
Vanuatu	-	3,524	537	308	1,185	428	-	1,060	348	320
Other	-14.2	958	2,641	1,604	709	445	3,079	7,335	239	166
ASIA	74.2	261,068	318,234	237,555	198,946	225,378	182,682	176,836	209,180	199,185
Japan	77.0	9,197	19,551	9,574	17,711	11,177	11,045	22,915	52,652	54,230
Singapore	49.2	5,674	14,798	14,585	17,811	5,390	9,919	15,490	10,610	8,103
South Korea	-44.4	11,012	11,102	25,049	14,399	23,147	19,974	16,935	19,773	15,542
Hong Kong	139.6	6,010	5,650	3,764	2,146	3,861	2,358	2,172	530	3,743
China	43.5	139,786	178,036	120,623	116,197	149,155	124,072	103,931	79,621	100,098
Taiwan	43.6	-	331	799	134	62	231	-	274	153
Thailand	685.2	35,043	60,713	18,007	5,837	2,835	7,732	6,022	36,513	9,569
Indonesia	-	0	-	27	2,017	1,915	-	-	2,759	-
Malaysia	64.5	2,415	3,425	6,334	4,546	2,482	2,082	3,224	1,092	4,829
Philippines	-	43,818	14,435	-	-	21,734	-	-	-	-
Other	93.4	8,112	10,192	38,793	18,147	3,621	5,269	6,146	5,355	2,917
EUROPE	169.1	37,160	69,442	51,047	24,735	9,687	25,807	13,158	3,225	4,055
UK	66.9	-	8,050	7,453	22,234	9,098	4,824	3,962	-	5
Germany	-	467	900	-	1,062	-	-	111	-	96
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	25,515	27,869	21,040	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	153.0	11,178	32,622	22,308	1,243	150	12,894	7,479	-	-
Belgium	-100.0	-	-	-	-	-	1,594	1,490	2,998	3,661
Netherlands	-100.0	-	-	-	75	-	16	-	-	36
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-100.0	-	-	246	121	439	6,480	116	227	257
AFRICA	-	-	6,985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	-	-	6,985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMERICA	1.5	905	150	232	206	22	148	75	376	4,255
USA	1.5	905	150	232	206	13	148	75	376	4,255
Other	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-
OTH. REGIONS	-100.0	-	-	-	200	2,045	14,136	-	1	590
	71.8	314,455	410,595	307,619	238,914	254,672	238,971	223,140	221,461	218,220

Merchandise Trade by Major Commodities

Merchandise trade by major commodities compared to the March quarter of 2007 recorded the following:



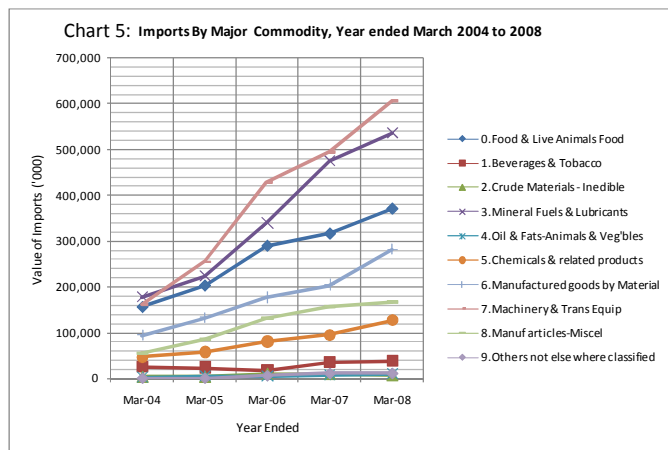
Major Exports

- Total of fresh, canned, and smoked/dried fish increased by \$27.1m (up 350.8%) to \$34.9m. This is reflected in the major commodity group of Food.
- Total of timber exports including round logs & sawn timber decreased by \$26.5m (down 12.5%) to \$185.5m. This is reflected in the major category of Crude Materials.
- Total of Cocoa and Copra exports increased by \$25.7m (up 142%) to \$43.8m.
- Total of Palm Oil and Kernel exports which started in the September quarter of 2006 increased by \$15.9m to \$25.6m.

Major Imports

Table 4: Value (SBD '000) of Imports by Major Commodity Group: 2004-2008

Year/Qtr	Major Commodity Group											
	Total Imports	Food	Total	1. Beverages & Tobacco	2. Crude Materials - Inedible	3. Mineral Fuels & Lubricants	4. Oil/Fats/Animals & Vegetables	5. Chemicals & related products	6. Manufactured Goods by Material	7. Machinery & Transport Equip	8. Manuf articles - Miscellaneous	9. Others not else where classified
Dec-2004	908,736	196,726	196,726	25,728	3,322	175,640	4,420	60,946	129,769	229,841	82,345	-
Dec-2005	1,393,699	291,003	291,003	16,214	8,204	324,574	5,073	72,430	169,930	386,030	118,840	1,400
Dec-2006	1,650,144	269,781	269,781	29,360	8,155	427,225	6,666	98,442	181,730	471,767	150,600	6,419
Dec-2007	2,190,199	386,335	386,335	40,371	9,381	544,451	9,574	122,587	276,377	622,049	167,391	11,682
Mar-2004	726,569	156,404	156,404	25,481	3,323	178,092	2,724	47,756	94,754	162,231	55,805	0
Mar-2005	992,407	203,045	203,045	24,318	3,347	223,745	4,260	58,843	133,022	255,222	86,606	0
Mar-2006	1,486,019	289,494	289,494	18,116	10,106	339,670	5,278	81,251	176,990	428,461	130,838	5,816
Mar-2007	1,806,687	315,997	315,997	36,021	9,239	476,327	6,942	95,351	204,366	494,692	156,788	10,964
Mar-2008	2,156,896	370,248	370,248	38,485	6,778	536,408	10,550	126,981	281,475	607,462	167,361	11,148
% Change	19.4	17.2	17.2	6.8	-26.6	12.6	52.0	33.2	37.7	22.8	6.7	1.7
Quarter												
Mar-2004	173,908	45,005	45,005	3,696	666	29,875	742	13,822	26,717	39,944	13,441	-
Jun-2004	233,604	47,086	47,086	4,459	861	50,652	934	19,131	34,447	54,358	21,675	-
Sep-2004	252,710	53,220	53,220	14,141	565	46,045	1,140	14,357	33,268	70,059	19,914	-
Dec-2004	248,516	51,415	51,415	3,432	1,230	49,068	1,604	13,636	35,336	65,480	27,314	-
Mar-2005	257,578	51,323	51,323	2,286	691	77,980	581	11,719	29,970	65,325	17,702	-
Jun-2005	384,301	86,208	86,208	4,833	1,673	68,660	1,450	17,854	46,469	124,364	32,751	38
Sep-2005	360,459	70,030	70,030	4,471	1,220	99,587	1,169	24,256	44,275	84,759	30,691	-
Dec-2005	391,361	83,442	83,442	4,623	4,619	78,347	1,873	18,601	49,216	111,581	37,696	1,362
Mar-2006	349,898	49,814	49,814	4,188	2,593	93,075	786	20,540	37,030	107,756	29,699	4,416
Jun-2006	390,644	64,068	64,068	5,104	1,096	78,379	1,932	26,584	42,457	131,030	39,993	1
Sep-2006	449,647	66,328	66,328	5,326	1,790	141,927	1,789	24,122	43,529	135,712	28,433	690
Dec-2006	459,955	89,570	89,570	14,741	2,676	113,844	2,159	27,196	58,714	97,269	52,474	1,312
Mar-2007	506,441	96,030	96,030	10,849	3,677	142,178	1,062	17,449	59,666	130,680	35,888	8,962
Jun-2007	477,215	68,474	68,474	7,835	1,761	89,896	2,069	37,399	68,320	144,700	54,598	2,163
Sep-2007	573,443	99,199	99,199	9,037	2,078	157,336	3,577	32,325	74,268	160,471	34,888	263
Dec-2007	633,100	122,632	122,632	12,650	1,866	155,041	2,867	35,413	74,123	186,197	42,017	294
Mar-2008	473,138	79,942	79,942	8,963	1,073	134,135	2,037	21,844	64,764	116,094	35,859	8,428
% Change	-6.6	-16.8	-16.8	-17.4	-70.8	-5.7	91.9	25.2	8.5	-11.2	-0.1	-6.0



- Food imports decreased by \$16.1m (-16.8%) to \$79.9 million.
- Mineral fuels, mainly petroleum products, decreased by \$8.1million (5.7%) to \$134.1m.
- Machinery and transport Equipment decreased by \$14.6m (11.2%) to \$116.1million.
- Beverages and tobacco decreased by \$1.8m (17.4 %) to \$9.0 million.

Merchandise Trade- Year Ended March (2003-2007)

Merchandise trade for the last five years ending March reported an average trade deficit of \$593.2m. This is 70.6% of average exports for the period.

The average value of imports by major commodity group, for the last five years ending March show that machinery & transport equipment, mineral fuels & lubricants, food and manufactured miscellaneous goods are the predominant import commodities while crude materials are the predominant export commodities.

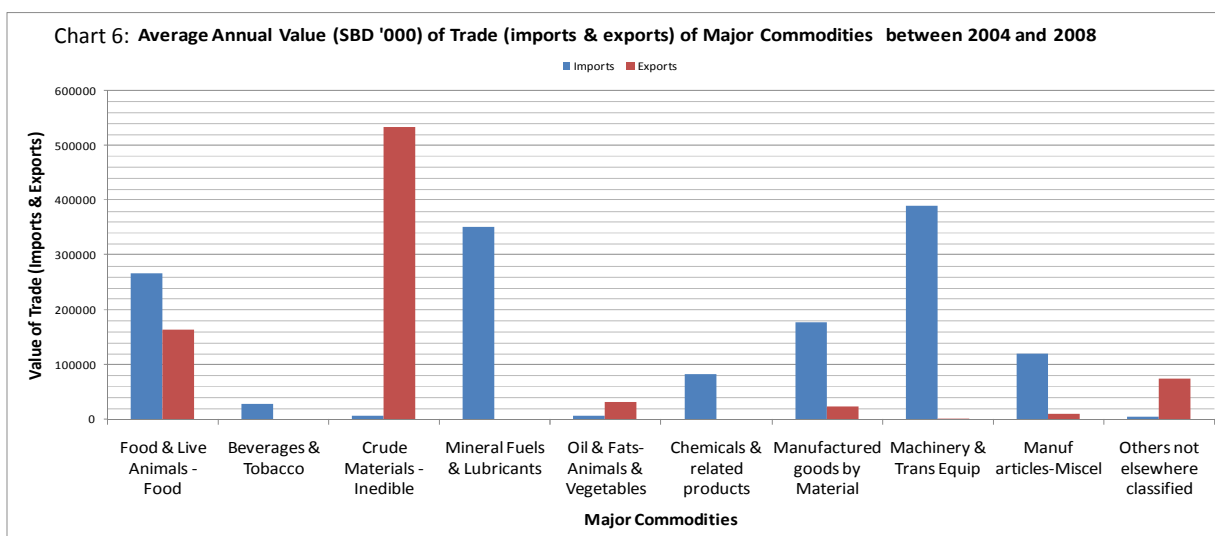


Table 5: Value (SBD '000) of Imports of Selected Commodities by Quarter : 2006-2008

Commodity	% Change on same period of previous year	QUARTER								
		2008			2007			2006		
		Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar
Meat Preparations	-23.4	3,715	4,364	3,572	2,695	4,851	3,229	2,497	2,136	1,763
Fish Preparations	-23.1	3,523	2,899	5,028	4,546	4,580	3,940	1,396	874	3,439
Rice (all kinds)	-46.9	21,155	61,816	42,399	23,598	39,872	37,481	27,912	31,628	15,810
Flour	-31.6	249	202	216	231	365	965	691	309	635
Sugar -refined	34.0	4,142	3,570	4,661	4,966	3,091	2,383	3,235	1,317	1,343
Sugar -raw	282.6	1,194	678	1,843	353	312	2,798	1,798	1,857	2,353
Beer	169.6	1,108	1,504	1,001	1,340	411	812	458	1,214	180
Tobacco	-100.0			1,401	1,539	4,805	10,221	1,805	400	468
Fertilizers	-90.8	19	5,785	8,848	8,038	210	6,589	3,651	4,694	371
Cement	-8.8	3,867	3,528	4,753	3,509	4,238	4,142	2,255	1,987	2,587
Outboard motors	1.0	1,881	1,593	1,946	872	1,862	536	1,348	1,846	1,269
Radios	515.8	192	52	318	21	31	211	167	93	1,345
Passenger cars	-16.1	4,953	8,279	14,668	11,512	5,902	4,301	6,434	8,126	5,388
Goods vehicles	1.6	12,758	33,202	5,462	4,048	12,556	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines	258.6	211	229	69	255	59	496	182	50	75
Motor spirit	5.2	21,213	31,101	25,321	16,873	20,156	7,704	8,058	20,296	1,281
Distillate fuels	-3.8	90,426	100,118	108,605	55,423	93,971	11,623	25,000	27,302	13,205
Inorganic chemicals	103.3	2,076	966	1,555	1,763	1,021	1,453	2,044	1,299	886
Organic chemicals	-83.3	101	975	1,673	617	605	546	288	587	486
Unmanufactured tobacco	-71.3	1,380	1,370	1,401	1,545	4,805	10,221	1,805	400	468
Other commodities	-1.2	298,977	370,872	338,703	333,470	302,739	350,304	358,625	284,230	296,549
TOTAL IMPORTS	-6.6	473,138	633,100	573,443	477,215	506,441	459,955	449,647	390,644	349,898

Table 6: Value (SBD '000) of Exports by Major Commodity Group, Year and Quarter: 2004-2008

Year/Qtr	Total Exports	Major Commodity Group										
		0. Food & Live Animals		1. Beverages & Tobacco	2. Crude Materials - Inedible	3. Mineral Fuels & Lubricants	4. Oil & Fats - Animals & Vegetables	5. Chemicals & related products	6. Manufactured goods by Material	7. Machinery & Trans Equip	8. Manuf articles - Miscel	9. Others not elsewhere classified
		Food	Total									
Dec-2004	641,014	139,880	139,880	-	375,576	-	876	15	17,992	-	13,590	93,084
Dec-2005	753,129	169,314	169,314	77	441,633	-	2,629	30	14,307	-	34,682	90,456
Dec-2006	901,792	164,637	164,637	168	627,567	54	16,962	3	21,740	9,877	123	60,661
Dec-2007	1,211,800	221,822	221,822	1,069	820,277	-	110,383	153	45,472	1,804	257	10,562
Mar-2004	487,012	83,401	83,401	0	255,411	0	592	5	13,893	0	84	133,627
Mar-2005	691,173	149,314	149,314	0	403,715	0	1,149	15	13,797	0	22,256	100,925
Mar-2006	814,383	161,850	161,850	77	488,477	0	2,546	32	17,840	111	26,066	117,384
Mar-2007	938,245	163,272	163,272	281	701,535	54	27,219	1	25,199	9,919	129	10,635
Mar-2008	1,271,582	264,315	264,315	1,631	817,091	0	127,172	161	48,632	2,186	1,069	9,324
% Change 07-08	35.5	61.9	61.9	480.1	16.5	-100.0	367.2	11,529.3	93.0	-78.0	730.7	-12.3
Quarter												
Mar-04	106,807	12,603	12,603	-	69,499	-	148	-	5,952	-	-	18,605
Jun-04	142,476	18,506	18,506	-	97,286	-	42	-	4,122	-	6,804	15,715
Sep-04	226,941	73,738	73,738	-	118,560	-	404	-	4,098	-	3,394	26,747
Dec-04	164,790	35,033	35,033	-	90,231	-	282	15	3,820	-	3,393	32,017
Mar-05	156,965	22,037	22,037	-	97,638	-	421	-	1,757	-	8,666	26,446
Jun-05	176,939	37,728	37,728	-	95,258	-	571	22	4,163	-	8,671	30,526
Sep-05	204,464	55,013	55,013	-	121,678	-	901	8,123	3,625	-	8,673	14,567
Dec-05	214,760	54,536	54,536	77	127,060	-	736	-	4,761	-	8,672	18,918
Mar-06	218,220	14,573	14,573	-	144,482	-	338	1.5	5,291	111	50	53,373
Jun-06	221,461	52,854	52,854	67	158,812	-	1,057	1,386	4,612	14	53	3,989
Sep-06	226,467	57,992	57,992	12	146,873	54	3,962	0	6,766	9,470	16	1,321
Dec-06	235,645	39,217	39,217	89	177,400	-	11,605	0	5,071	282	3	1,978
Mar-07	254,672	13,208	13,208	113	218,450	-	10,595	-	8,750	153	56	3,347
Jun-07	238,914	35,325	35,325	135	169,851	-	24,380	-	7,655	553	1	1,013
Sep-07	307,619	61,580	61,580	299	191,652	-	39,135	77	10,858	151	92	3,776
Dec-07	410,595	111,709	111,709	522	240,324	-	36,272	77	18,209	947	108	2,427
Mar-08	314,455	55,701	55,701	675	215,264	-	27,384	8	11,910	536	869	2,108
% Change Mar07-Mar08	23.5	321.7	321.7	497.6	-1.5	-	158.5	36.1	250.0	1448.3	-37.0	

Table 7: Value of Exports of Selected Commodities by Quarter: 2006-2008

Commodity	% Change on same period of previous year	QUARTER								
		2008			2007			2006		
		Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar
Total Timber	-12.5	185,528	239,646	187,696	167,900	211,986	181,469	149,338	149,263	144,561
Timber Logs	-14.4	174,076	224,239	177,846	161,281	203,448	173,406	142,623	144,804	139,346
Timber Sawn	34.1	11,452	15,406	9,850	6,619	8,538	8,063	6,715	4,459	5,215
Total Fish	350.8	34,851.00	94,032	43,213	12,780	7,730	31,008	48,274	41,912	8,653
Frozen Fish	5230.9	30,599	57,290	19,282	5,798	574	5,465	27,812	20,913	6,371
Fish Canned	-7.1	4,252	3,139	1,623	3,200	4,579	262	2,946	890	2,282
Fish Smoked	-100.0	-	33,603	22,308	3,783	2,577	25,281	17,515	20,109	-
Total Agricultural Products	148.4	71,242	61,020	65,010	51,266	28,675	20,868	15,833	23,066	9,057
Copra	180.6	39,089	16,699	12,470	6,958	13,931	1,594	2,500	12,119	3,661
Palm Oil	163.8	25,515	35,919	37,555	23,782	9,672	11,072	3,962	-	-
Palm Kernel	-	99	-	-	-	-	740	421	-	-
Cocoa	12.5	4,670	8,049	13,405	19,928	4,150	6,929	8,949	9,890	5,059
Coconut Oil	102.6	1,870	353	1,580	599	923	533	-	1,057	338
Marine Shells	-70.2	247	1,166	667	1,055	827	40	15	240	698
Gold	-33.3	2,233	2,237	3,776	1,666	3,347	1,978	1,312	1,121	692
Scrap of Metals, iron & steel	3347.0	1,655	310	202	86	48	-	-	-	-
Other commodities	906.4	17,019	11,105	5,957	3,407	1,691			5,835	54,395
RE-EXPORTS	357.3	1,679	1,079	1,098	754	367	282	11,696	24	163
TOTAL EXPORTS	23.5	314,454	410,595	307,619	238,914	254,672	235,645	226,467	221,461	218,220