

January - June 2001

The January to June 2001 External Trade Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that imports were valued at US\$1,633.7 million, while exports amounted to US\$642.4 million.

When compared to the similar period in 2000 these figures represent an increase of 3.3 percent and a decline of 5.5 percent for imports and exports respectively.

The value of imports within the end-use category "Consumer Goods" increased by 4.5 percent "Raw materials/Intermediate Goods" increased by 2.1 percent and "Capital Goods" grew by 5.4 percent.

Traditional domestic exports amounted to US\$495.0 million an increase of 1.4 percent. Receipts from non-traditional domestic exports declined by 22.1 percent to US\$133.3 million over the period.

Imports from CARICOM for January to June 2001 increased by 0.6 percent to US\$211.4 million, while exports earned US\$24.6 million an increase of 6.8 percent.

The External Trade Bulletin outlines additional information and may be obtained from the Sales Office at 9 Swallowfield Road, Kingston 5.