

The January to October 2001

The January to October 2001 External Trade Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that imports were valued at US\$2,826.8 million, while exports amounted to US\$1,050.8 million.

When compared to the similar period in 2000 these figures represent an increase of 6.8 percent and a decline of 1.9 percent for imports and exports respectively.

The value of imports within the end-use category 'Consumer Goods' increased by 1.1 percent, 'Raw Materials/Intermediate Goods' increased by 7.9 percent and 'Capital Goods' by 13.8 percent.

Traditional domestic exports earned US\$795.0 million a decline of 4.4 percent Non- traditional domestic exports also declined by 16.6 percent to earn US\$234.2 million.

Imports from CARICOM for January to October increased by 7.5 percent to US\$362.0 million, while exports earned US\$42.4 million an increase of 12.3 percent.

The External Trade Bulletin further outlines additional information and may be obtained at the Distribution Office; 9 Swallowfield Road Kingston 5.