

January - December 2001

The January to December 2001 External Trade Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that imports were valued at US\$3,365.0 million, while exports amounted to US\$1,224.5 million.

When compared to the similar period in 2000 these figures represent an increase of 5.2 percent and a decline of 5.3 percent for imports and exports respectively.

The value of imports within the end-use category "Consumer Goods" increased by 1.3 percent "Raw materials/Intermediate Goods" increased by 5.7 percent and "Capital Goods" grew by 10.8 percent.

Traditional domestic exports amounted to US\$897.2 million a decline of 1.3 percent. Non- traditional domestic exports also declined by 12.4 percent to earn US\$301.5 million.

Imports from CARICOM for January to December 2001 increased by 6.9 percent to US\$429.4 million, while exports earned US\$50.5 million an increase of 3.9 percent.

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