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The January 2005 External Trade Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that Jamaica's expenditure on imports of goods during January 2005 was valued at US\$334.2 million, while total exports earned US\$ 102.4 million. When compared to January 2004, imports grew by 7.0 percent, while export decline by 12.3 percent. At the end of the period under review the trade deficit stood at US\$231.8 million, US\$36.5 million above the comparable period.

During this period under review the major commodity groups of imports were "Machinery and Transport Equipment" (US\$ 73.7 million) "Mineral Fuels and Lubricants" (US\$ 71.6 million)," "Manufactured Goods" (US\$51.7 million) and "Food" (US\$48.5 million) respectively.

In January 2005 Domestic Exports earned US\$100.4 million and re-export US\$2.1 million below the US\$114.3 million and US\$2, 5 million recorded for the comparable period.

Traditional domestic export declined by US\$1.6 million to US\$ 86.8 million and Non-traditional domestic export were valued at US\$ 13.5 million below the US\$25.9 million in January 2004.

The **January 2005 External Trade Bulletin** further outlines additional information and may be obtained at our Distribution Centre; 7 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10.