

January - July 2001

The January to September 2001 External Trade Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that imports were valued at US\$2,488.4 million, while total exports amounted to US\$966.9 million.

In comparison with the same period of 2000, these figures represent an increase of 5.0 percent for imports and a 0.3% decline in the value of total exports.

The value of imports within the categories "Consumer Goods" increased by 1.7 percent "Raw Materials/Intermediate Goods" increased by 4.5 percent and Capital Goods by 12.4 percent.

Earnings from traditional domestic exports rose by 6.5 per cent to US\$735.5 million. Non-traditional exports fell by 15.9 percent to earn US\$212.7 million.

Imports from CARICOM for the period January-September 2001 increased by 8.8 percent to US\$330.6 million, while exports increased by 10.4 percent to earn US\$37.5 million.

The External Trade Bulletin further outlines additional information and may be obtained at the Distribution Office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, 9 Swallowfield Rd., Kingston 5.