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KINGSTON, June 24, 2026: Jamaica's total spending on imports for January to March 2026 was valued at US\$1,869.8 million while earnings from total exports was valued at US\$376.6 million as released today by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN).

The value of imports for the first quarter of 2026 decreased by 1.3 per cent compared to US\$1,893.8 million recorded in the first quarter of 2025. This was driven by lower imports of **Consumer Goods** and **Fuels and Lubricants**, which fell by 2.4 per cent and 10.1 per cent, respectively.

Total exports for January to March 2026 was 22.3 per cent lower than the US\$484.6 million earned in the similar 2025 review period. This was mainly driven by a 48.7 per cent fall in the value of **Crude Materials (Excl. Fuels)**.

MAIN TRADING PARTNERS

Over the three-month period, Jamaica's five main import partners were the United States of America (USA), China, Brazil, Japan and Trinidad and Tobago. Expenditure on imports of goods from these countries amounted to US\$1,245.2 million representing a 6.6 per cent increase compared to US\$1,168.4 million for January to March 2025.

The top five destinations for Jamaica's exports for January to March 2026 were the USA, the Russian Federation, the Netherlands, Canada and the United Kingdom. Export revenues from these countries declined by 14.2 per cent to US\$283.2 million.

The **International Merchandise Trade Bulletin** outlines additional information on Jamaica's international trade activities. The **March 2026 International Merchandise Trade Bulletin** is available on the Statistical Institute of Jamaica's website www.statinja.gov.jm or from the Information Section of the Institute at **(876)-630-1619**. Visit the Institute's Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram pages **@STATINJA for the March 2026 IMT** infographics.

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