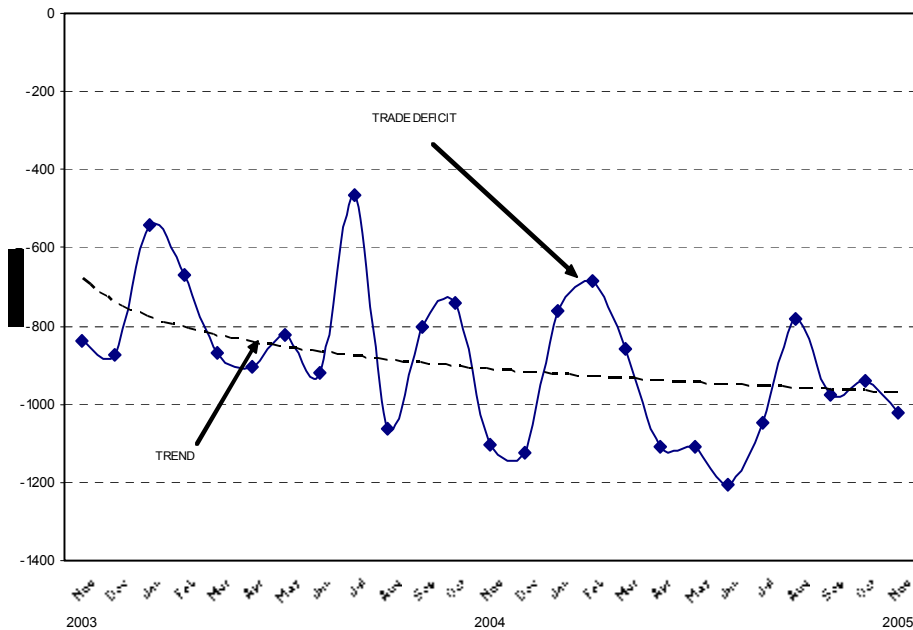
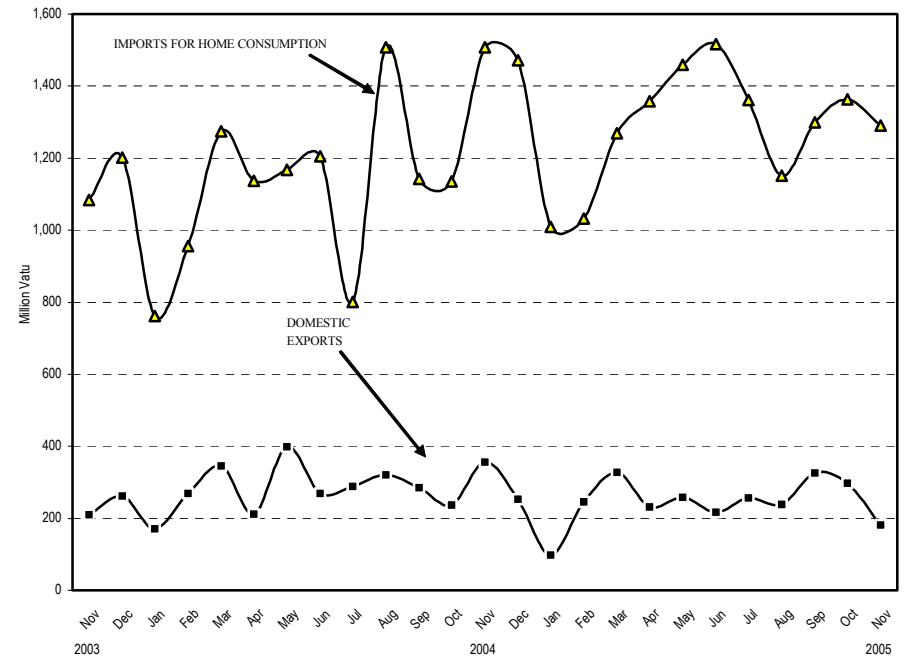


OVERSEAS TRADE – November 2005

TRADE DEFICIT



DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION



HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the November 2005 provisional trade figures, trade deficit stood at 1,021 million Vatu indicating an improvement of 83 million Vatu compared to November 2004.
- Total imports recorded a decrease of 14.3% in November 2005 compared to the same period of 2004. This was due to a decrease of 14.3% in Imports for home consumption from 1,508 million Vatu in November 2004 to 1,291 million Vatu in November 2005.

- Domestic exports (excluding Re-export) for November 2005 declined by 49.3% from 357 million Vatu in November 2004 to 181 million in November 2005. This decrease is mainly attributable to the following exports: copra, Coconut Oil , Beef, Sawn Timber and kava) during this period.

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