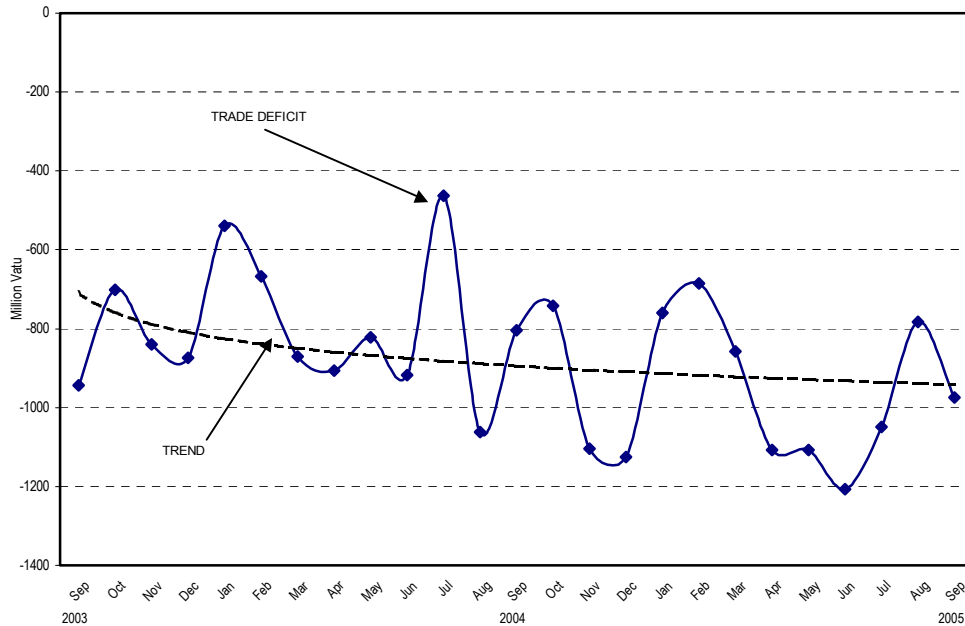


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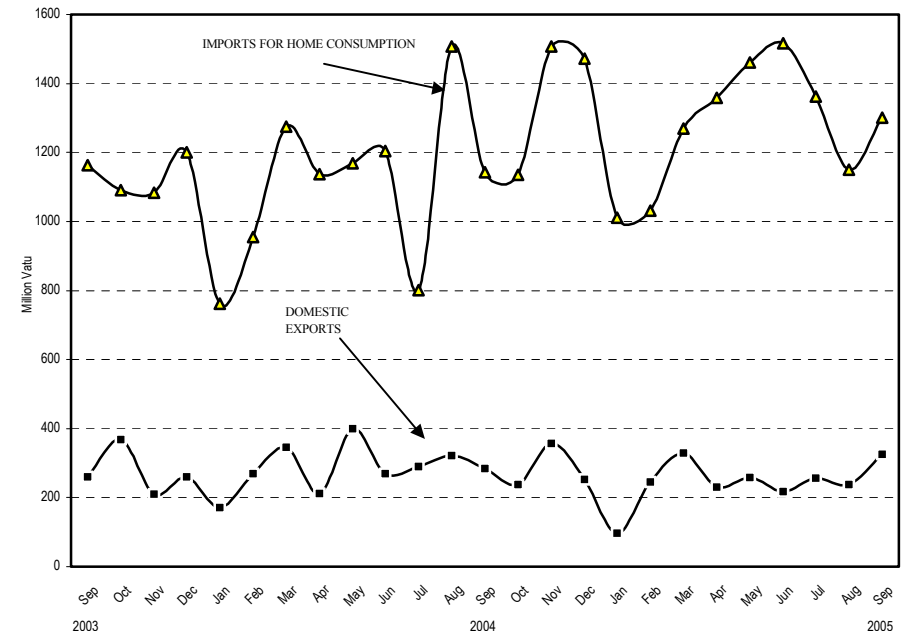
TRADE DEFICIT



HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the September 2005 provisional trade figures, trade deficit stood at 975 million Vatu indicating an improvement of 171 million Vatu compared to September 2004.
- Total imports recorded an increase of 16% in September 2005 compared to the same period of 2004. This was due to an increase of 13.8 % in Imports for home consumption from 1,142 million Vatu in September 2004 to 1,300 million Vatu in September 2005.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION



- Domestic exports (excluding Re-export) for September 2005 showed an improvement of 14.4% from 285 million Vatu in September 2004 to 326 million in September 2005. This increase is mainly attributable to the following exports: Coconut Oil (109%), Cocoa (366.6%), Beef (69.5%) and Kava (10.5%) during this period.