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KINGSTON, October 28, 2026: Jamaica's total spending on imports for January to July 2026 amounted to US$4,715.0 million, while earnings from total exports were valued at US$993.0 million as released today by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN).

There was a 4.4 per cent increase in the value of imports when compared to US$4,516.1 million earned in the corresponding 2025 period. This increase was driven by higher expenditure on **Raw Materials/Intermediate Goods** and **Fuels and Lubricants**, which grew by 7.1 per cent and 9.9 per cent, respectively.

Total exports for January to July 2026 was 5.3 per cent lower than the US$1,048.2 million earned in the similar 2025 review period. This decrease was primarily due to a 37.8 per cent reduction in the export value of **Crude Materials (Excl. Fuels)**.

MAIN TRADING PARTNERS

The five main import trading partners for the reporting period were the United States of America (USA), China, Colombia, Japan and Trinidad and Tobago. Expenditure on imports of goods from these countries amounted to US$3,143.1 million, reflecting an increase of 21.0 per cent compared to the US$2,597.1 million recorded in January to July 2025.

The top five destinations for Jamaica's exports were the USA, the Russian Federation, the Netherlands, Canada and the United Kingdom. Export revenues from these countries rose by 3.2 per cent to US$697.1 million, up from US$675.7 million earned in 2025.

The **International Merchandise Trade Bulletin** outlines additional information on Jamaica's international trade activities. The **January** to **July 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) 630-1626.**

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