



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

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### **IMPORT PRICE INDEX – QUARTER 3 2010** **(Base Period: Quarter 1 2009 = 100.0)**

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This publication introduces a new Import Price Index (MPI) which measures changes in the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) prices of imports of merchandise into Samoa. It is a fixed weights index with Quarter 1 2009 = 100.0 and is calculated on a quarterly basis using the International Harmonised System of Trade Classification (HS). The items included in the index were selected on the basis of their importance to the total import.

The initial scope of the MPI relates to the following sections of the International recognized system of Trade Classification (HS): 1. Live Animals: Animal Products 2. Vegetable Products 3. Animal or Vegetable fats and oils 4. Prepared foodstuffs 5. Mineral Products. The index represents 50 percent of total imports.

Index number for each of the five Sections of its HS, and their ten major component chapters, are presented in Table 1.

HS Section changes for the September Quarter 2010 over the previous quarter are as follows:

**HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products: + 9.8%**

Prices of eggs, butter, milk, chicken drum sticks, mutton flaps and mutton necks increased.

**HS Section 2: Vegetable Products: - 7.4%**

Prices of rice and potatoes decreased.

**HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils: + 0.6%**

Prices of margarine increased.

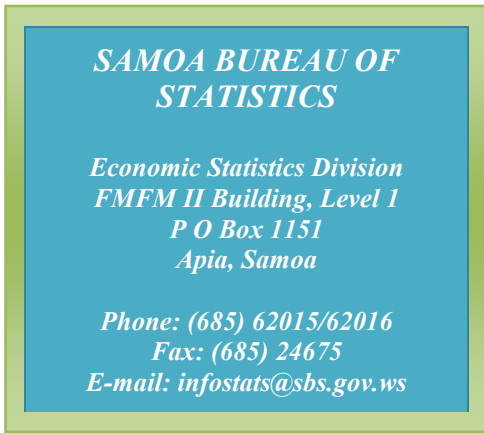
**HS Section 4: Prepared foodstuffs: +4.2%**

Prices of corned beef, canned fish, vermicelli, brown sugar, white sugar and macaroni increased.

**HS Section 5: Mineral Products: - 4.2%**

Prices of petrol, diesel and aviation fuel decreased.

If you would like more information about the Import Price Index for Quarter 3 2010, please contact the Economics Division of the Samoa Bureau of Statistics at:



The MPI for Quarter 4 2010 will be ready on 31 January 2011.

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**Table 1**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	2009			2010			% Change	
		Weight	Q3 09	Q4 09	Q1 10	Q2 10	Q3 10	Q3 / Q2 2010	Q3-2010/Q3-2009
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	100	110.1	113.2	115.2	118.6	130.2	9.8	18.2
02	Meat	71.2	114.6	118.4	117.6	124.6	136.6	9.6	19.2
04	Dairy	28.8	99.0	100.5	109.2	103.7	114.3	10.3	15.4
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	100	91.4	94.5	92.6	91.9	85.1	-7.4	-6.8
07	Vegetables	17	110.1	116.6	116.1	110.4	107.3	-2.9	-2.5
10	Cereals	31.7	94.6	100.3	99.4	101.3	90.4	-10.7	-4.4
11	Milled prods.	51.3	83.2	83.7	80.6	80.0	74.5	-6.9	-10.4
III.	FATS & OILS	100	95.4	94.7	96.4	96.0	96.6	0.6	1.2
15	Fats & oils	100	95.4	94.7	96.4	96.0	96.6	0.6	1.2
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	100	97.2	101.8	98.0	97.8	101.9	4.2	4.8
16	Meat, fish	43.6	88.0	88.2	85.1	82.5	81.0	-1.8	-7.9
17	Sugars	24	119.7	128.6	120.6	130.1	139.9	7.5	16.9
19	Cereals	32.4	93.1	100.4	98.9	94.6	101.9	7.8	9.5
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	100	114.3	108.3	121.4	130.0	124.6	-4.2	9.0
27	Mineral fuels	100	114.3	108.3	121.4	130.0	124.6	-4.2	9.0