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### **IMPORT PRICE INDEX – QUARTER 4 2011** **(Base Period: Quarter 1 2009 = 100.0)**

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The Import Price Index (MPI) 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 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. Food and Beverages and 5. Mineral Products. The index represents 50 percent of total imports.

Index numbers for each of the five Sections of its HS, and their ten major component chapters, are presented in Table 2.

HS Section percentage changes for Quarter 4 2011 over Quarter 4 of 2010 are displayed in Table 1. Percentage changes for Quarter 4 2011 over the previous quarter are summarized below.

#### **HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products: 2.8%**

Prices of chicken (leg quarters, drum sticks, whole) and eggs increased.

#### **HS Section 2: Vegetable Products: -2.7%**

Prices of onions, rice and flour decreased.

#### **HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils: 1.1%**

Price of margarine increased.

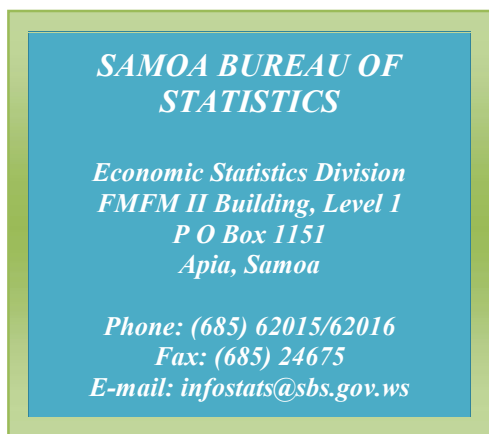
#### **HS Section 4: Food and Beverages: 7.1%**

Prices of corned beef, raw sugar, white sugar, instant noodles, vermicelli and macaroni increased.

#### **HS Section 5: Mineral Products: 1.6%**

Price of petrol increased.

If you would like more information about the Import Price Index for Quarter 4 2011, please contact the Economics Division of the Samoa Bureau of Statistics at:



The MPI for Quarter 1 2012 will be ready on 30 April 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Muagututi'a S. Reupena', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Muagututi'a S. Reupena  
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**IMPORT PRICE INDEX**  
Base: Quarter Q1, 2009 = 100.0

**Table 1**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	2010		2011				% Change	
		Weight	Q4 10	Q1 11	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q4-2011 / Q3 2011	Q4-2011/Q4-2010
<b>I</b>	<b>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>7.4</b>
02	Meat	71.2	105.0	107.6	119.0	107.6	113.3	5.4	8.0
04	Dairy	28.8	110.0	111.0	116.3	120.2	116.8	-2.8	6.2
<b>II.</b>	<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
07	Vegetables	17	119.1	137.8	121.9	114.7	110.7	-3.4	-7.0
10	Cereals	31.7	90.0	91.2	77.5	74.8	74.3	-0.7	-17.4
11	Milled prods.	51.3	76.6	79.9	86.4	85.1	82.1	-3.5	7.2
<b>III.</b>	<b>FATS &amp; OILS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
15	Fats & oils	100	94.2	96.9	97.3	95.6	96.7	1.1	2.6
<b>IV.</b>	<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>13.5</b>
16	Meat, fish	43.6	76.0	78.2	74.6	81.2	82.5	1.5	8.4
17	Sugars	24	134.5	143.3	163.3	148.8	164.6	10.6	22.4
19	Cereals	32.4	92.4	98.9	94.5	92.5	101.3	9.5	9.6
<b>V.</b>	<b>MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>124.0</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>172.4</b>	<b>159.4</b>	<b>161.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>30.5</b>
27	Mineral fuels	100	124.0	142.8	172.4	159.4	161.9	1.6	30.5

**Table 2**

		Qtr 4_2010	Qtr 1_2011	Qtr 2_2011	Qtr 3_2011	Qtr 4_2011
<b>I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>						
02 Meat	100.0					
0204 Sheep	33.7	144.5	161.0	189.7	161.8	161.5
0207 Poultry	66.3	84.8	80.4	83.1	80.0	88.8
04 Dairy	100.0					
0401 Milk	42.0	118.3	119.2	120.2	123.6	118.6
0402 Milk, conc.	17.9	108.6	108.9	110.8	116.3	114.3
0405 Butter	24.1	98.6	93.8	107.4	114.7	108.6
0407 Eggs	16.0	106.9	117.5	125.7	124.2	127.4
<b>II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>						
07 Vegetables	100.0					
0701 Potatoes	56.5	119.8	143.5	105.6	115.2	116.0
0703 Onions	43.5	118.3	130.3	143.1	113.9	103.8
10 Cereals	100.0					
1006 Rice	100.0	90.0	91.2	77.5	74.8	74.3
11 Milled prods.	100.0					
1101 Wheat	100.0	76.6	79.9	86.4	85.1	82.1
<b>III. FATS &amp; OILS</b>						
15 Fats & oils	100.0					
1507 Soya-bean	27.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1516 Hydrogenated	36.7	79.1	89.5	90.3	84.3	82.3
1517 Margarine	35.7	105.2	102.1	102.3	103.7	108.8
<b>IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES &amp; TOBACCO</b>						
16 Meat, fish	100.0					
1602 Meat	31.0	87.7	88.7	86.7	88.1	94.2
1604 Fish	69.0	70.8	73.4	69.2	92.3	77.2
17 Sugars	100.0					
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	134.5	143.3	163.3	148.8	164.6
19 Cereals	100.0					
1902 Pasta	56.0	96.0	107.6	97.6	93.8	108.7
1905 Bread	44.0	87.8	87.8	90.6	90.8	91.7
<b>V. MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>						
27 Mineral fuels	100.0					
2710 Petroleum oils	100.0	124.0	142.8	172.4	159.4	161.9

Revised Figure