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### Merchandise Trade March 2015

#### Highlights of the month

#### Exports

- Exports<sup>1</sup> were valued at \$9.6 million, increasing by 27.6 percent (\$2.1 million) from February 2015.
- 'Machinery and Transport equipments' exports recorded the largest increase (up \$2.2 million) from February 2015 and became the largest share of all commodity groups exported during the reference month, representing 46.8 percent (\$4.5 million) of total exports.
- Australia remained the largest export market, representing 56 percent (\$5.4 million) of total exports, increasing 28 percent from February 2015; led by 'ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft' exports.

#### Imports

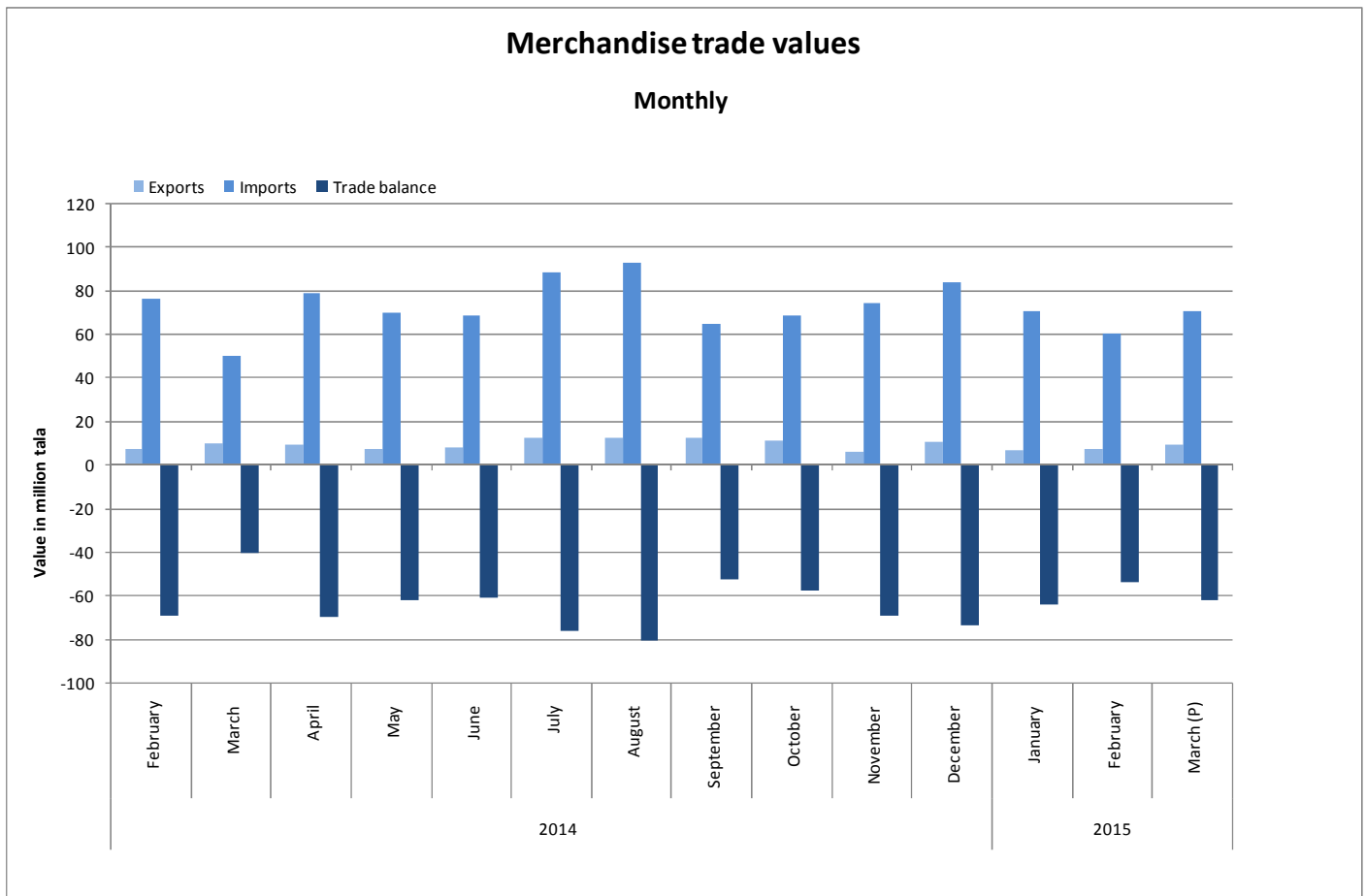
- Imports were valued at \$71.2 million, increasing by 17.2 percent (\$10.4 million) from February 2015.
- 'Mineral fuels' imports recorded the largest increase (up \$6.1 million) from February 2015.
- 'Food and Live animals' imports maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported during the reference month, representing 22.8 percent of total imports.
- Imports from Singapore rose \$9.0 million and New Zealand rose \$5.7 million while imports from China fell \$10.4 million from February 2015.

#### Trade Balance

- The value of imports (\$71.2 million) exceeded that of exports (\$9.6 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$61.6 million.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes re-exports commodities



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information

**Technical Notes**

The main source of imports and exports data comes from the administrative document, a completed customs form (Single Administrative data) required to be filled in by importers and exporters or customs agents when clearing merchandise inward and outward through the Ministry for Revenue (Custom Department)

The April Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015.

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Table 1

**Merchandise Trade Summary****Amount in thousand tala**

Period	EXPORTS (fob)			Imports (cif) (b)	Trade Balance (a-b)	
	Total (a)	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports			
<b>2011</b>	153,111	112,779	40,332	805,752	-652,641	
<b>2012</b>	176,428	122,729	53,699	791,974	-615,546	
<b>2013</b>	144,103	100,126	43,977	851,292	-707,189	
<b>2014</b>	117,400	74,372	43,028	895,326	-777,926	
<b>Three months ended</b>						
<b>Jun 12</b>	42,368	26,300	16,068	190,218	-147,850	
<b>Sep 12</b>	53,274	36,684	16,590	197,636	-144,362	
<b>Dec 12</b>	34,947	23,950	10,997	196,596	-161,649	
<b>Mar 13</b>	28,360	20,795	7,565	176,841	-148,482	
<b>Jun 13</b>	30,184	19,660	10,524	209,695	-179,511	
<b>Sep 13</b>	48,134	33,103	15,032	240,506	-192,372	
<b>Dec 13</b>	37,425	26,569	10,960	224,250	-186,825	
<b>Mar 14</b>	23,289	14,632	8,656	201,821	-178,532	
<b>Jun 14</b>	26,333	14,923	11,410	218,223	-191,890	
<b>Sep 14</b>	38,656	25,009	13,646	246,873	-208,217	
<b>Dec 14</b>	29,123	19,808	9,315	228,409	-199,286	
<b>Mar 15 (P)</b>	24,003	15,442	8,562	202,664	-178,660	
<b>Monthly</b>						
<b>2013</b>						
	January	9,281	6,301	2,980	81,351	-72,070
	February	7,750	5,439	2,311	46,591	-38,840
	March	11,328	9,054	2,274	48,899	-37,571
	April	7,668	4,139	3,529	91,595	-83,926
	May	9,809	6,659	3,151	53,890	-44,081
	June	12,706	8,863	3,844	64,210	-51,504
	July	13,126	9,729	3,398	77,643	-64,517
	August	24,016	15,314	8,702	76,223	-52,207
	September	10,992	8,060	2,932	86,640	-75,649
	October	14,867	10,692	4,175	68,614	-53,747
	November	12,535	8,881	3,654	95,702	-83,167
	December	10,023	6,996	3,027	59,934	-49,911
<b>2014</b>						
	January	5,419	2,492	2,927	75,214	-69,794
	February	7,475	4,206	3,269	76,368	-68,893
	March	10,394	7,934	2,460	50,239	-39,845
	April	9,975	6,229	3,746	79,223	-69,248
	May	7,969	4,251	3,717	69,952	-61,983
	June	8,389	4,443	3,946	69,048	-60,659
	July	12,955	8,869	4,086	88,435	-75,480
	August	12,732	7,798	4,934	93,123	-80,391
	September	12,968	8,343	4,626	65,314	-52,346
	October	11,855	8,594	3,261	69,232	-57,378
	November	6,473	3,768	2,705	75,000	-68,527
	December	10,795	7,446	3,349	84,176	-73,381
<b>2015</b>						
	January	6,858	3,642	3,216	70,658	-63,801
	February	7,532	4,478	3,054	60,788	-53,256
	March (P)	9,614	7,322	2,292	71,217	-61,603

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b. Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)

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(P) : Provisional figures

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Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

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**Table 2: Exports (value) by major items, SITC**

Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Bev-erages & Tobacco	Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	Mineral fuels, Lubri-cants & Related Materials *	Animal & Vege- table Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemi-cals & Related Products	Manu- factured Goods Classified Chiefly - By Material	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Miscell-aneous Manu-factured Goods & Articles	Commo- dities & Tran- sactions-Not Classified- Elsewhere-In The SITC	
2011	153,111	25,570	5,676	1,288	27,441	8,435	359	3,621	78,394	2,329	-	
2012	176,428	23,363	13,331	936	40,558	8,829	397	1,493	84,483	992	2,044	
2013	144,103	20,452	13,907	1,630	35,090	1,482	933	1,593	66,423	2,593	-	
2014	117,400	14,933	7,681	1,022	39,417	4,012	145	498	47,979	1,714	-	
2013	Qtr 1	28,360	2,377	2,627	294	6,975	555	18	86	15,355	72	-
	Qtr 2	30,184	4,577	2,078	223	9,431	590	58	55	12,495	677	-
	Qtr 3	48,134	8,829	1,595	688	9,555	251	748	994	23,984	1,490	-
	Qtr 4	37,425	4,668	7,606	425	9,130	85	109	458	14,588	355	-
2014	Qtr 1	23,289	2,069	1,208	399	8,143	725	25	137	10,404	179	-
	Qtr 2	26,333	2,901	1,506	146	10,749	1,030	73	55	9,338	535	-
	Qtr 3	38,656	4,528	1,869	196	11,934	860	12	78	18,546	633	-
	Qtr 4	29,123	5,435	3,097	281	8,591	1,397	35	228	9,692	367	-
2015	Qtr 1	24,003	4,202	1,492	140	7,696	1,095	44	135	9,034	165	-
2013	January	9,281	1,481	518	106	2,796	134	2	10	4,223	11	-
	February	7,750	427	65	66	2,051	409	1	28	4,657	47	-
	March	11,328	470	2,044	121	2,129	13	15	48	6,475	14	-
	April	7,668	1,246	948	64	3,116	435	10	21	1,783	45	-
	May	9,809	2,058	694	37	2,584	155	45	15	3,701	521	-
	June	12,706	1,273	436	122	3,730	-	4	19	7,011	111	-
	July	13,126	2,728	352	125	3,133	34	10	35	6,684	26	-
	August	24,016	4,754	886	491	3,525	216	735	952	11,081	1,375	-
	September	10,992	1,347	358	72	2,897	1	2	8	6,219	89	-
	October	14,867	1,904	336	84	3,909	12	8	21	8,577	15	-
	November	12,535	1,684	3,345	305	2,325	66	99	414	3,973	325	-
	December	10,023	1,080	3,926	36	2,896	7	2	23	2,038	16	-
2014	January	5,419	600	283	37	2,731	2	1	48	1,690	28	-
	February	7,475	670	477	178	3,103	116	3	35	2,875	17	-
	March	10,394	799	448	184	2,309	607	21	54	5,839	133	-
	April	9,975	968	340	12	3,651	449	1	15	4,495	43	-
	May	7,969	989	542	102	3,534	258	70	8	2,336	129	-
	June	8,389	944	624	31	3,563	323	3	32	2,507	363	-
	July	12,955	1,511	369	131	3,569	373	0	40	6,696	266	-
	August	12,732	1,947	520	20	4,872	2	6	9	5,331	26	-
	September	12,968	1,070	980	46	3,493	484	6	28	6,519	342	-
	October	11,855	2,151	630	103	3,024	499	13	56	5,228	152	-
	November	6,473	1,378	1,670	119	2,454	385	7	68	263	129	-
	December	10,795	1,906	797	59	3,113	513	15	104	4,201	86	-
2015	January	6,858	961	193	53	3,016	295	1	3	2,222	114	-
	February	7,532	1,619	245	45	2,818	369	18	91	2,309	18	-
	March (P)	9,614	1,623	1,054	42	1,863	431	25	42	4,503	33	-

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**Table 3: Exports (value) by major countries of Destination**

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Destination	Annual		Quarter					Month												
			2014				2015	2014												2015
	2013	2014	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)
New Zealand	19,800	22,418	2,696	6,382	7,326	6,015	4,328	866	1,840	2,101	2,442	2,633	2,286	2,406	2,200	1,483	2,333	1,423	1,312	1,593
Australia	81,995	67,965	12,965	14,739	24,583	15,679	13,489	5,665	6,510	4,008	4,221	8,590	7,660	8,332	7,544	1,827	6,308	3,893	4,208	5,388
American Samoa	13,051	7,348	997	1,166	1,558	3,627	2,335	359	348	457	361	486	702	371	735	1,986	906	296	505	1,534
Fiji	3,497	3,551	573	667	1,061	1,249	1,011	182	200	209	258	288	314	459	273	460	515	392	372	247
Tokelau	10,377	3,123	765	739	656	964	859	353	249	111	380	117	220	319	273	315	375	251	280	329
New Caledonia	151	9	3	2	2	2	0	-	2	-	0	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Tonga	190	126	0	96	2	28	0	-	6	8	83	0	1	1	-	-	28	0	-	-
French Polynesia	368	268	46	103	44	75	37	20	-	52	52	-	-	44	-	24	50	37	-	-
Japan	717	325	101	55	98	70	0	101	-	55	-	0	98	-	6	64	-	-	-	-
Singapore	2,871	4,097	942	873	1,971	310	612	313	228	336	310	427	1,028	517	229	75	5	280	280	53
United Kingdom	1,355	268	142	0	125	0	0	142	-	-	-	-	-	125	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	4,177	4,441	1,907	1,440	624	470	490	543	566	590	284	222	141	261	304	16	150	107	225	158
Other countries	5,555	3,462	2,150	70	606	636	842	1,850	27	42	-	192	280	133	290	223	123	179	350	312
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>144,103</b>	<b>117,400</b>	<b>23,289</b>	<b>26,333</b>	<b>38,656</b>	<b>29,123</b>	<b>24,003</b>	<b>10,394</b>	<b>9,975</b>	<b>7,969</b>	<b>8,389</b>	<b>12,955</b>	<b>12,732</b>	<b>12,968</b>	<b>11,855</b>	<b>6,473</b>	<b>10,795</b>	<b>6,858</b>	<b>7,532</b>	<b>9,614</b>

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**Table 4: Imports (value) by major items, SITC**

Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Beve-rages & Tobacco	Crude Mate- rials, In-edible, Except Fuels	Mineral fuels, Lub- ricants & Related Materials	Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manu-fac-tured	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Misce-laneous	Commo-dities &	
								Goods Classified Chiefly By Material		Manu-fac-tured Goods & Articles	Trans-actions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	
2011	805,752	193,692	9,965	23,472	170,299	5,340	46,862	122,752	173,195	56,360	3,814	
2012	791,974	202,861	10,161	23,921	179,846	3,424	48,500	123,731	132,606	64,793	2,130	
2013	851,292	218,037	10,596	29,164	187,139	3,497	54,434	136,336	136,354	75,452	283	
2014	895,326	204,677	8,107	25,342	216,582	4,496	62,018	131,927	150,072	90,601	1,503	
2013	Qtr 1	176,841	46,635	1,418	5,361	44,357	584	11,446	26,588	26,529	13,923	-
	Qtr 2	209,695	55,110	2,714	10,165	50,083	858	13,699	28,244	31,176	17,417	229
	Qtr 3	240,506	58,262	3,339	7,096	47,011	503	15,050	46,088	38,962	24,141	54
	Qtr 4	224,250	58,030	3,125	6,543	45,687	1,552	14,239	35,415	39,687	19,972	-
2014	Qtr 1	201,821	42,674	1,729	4,425	62,925	1,350	13,203	29,219	28,224	18,070	2
	Qtr 2	218,223	48,844	1,232	6,334	54,311	849	14,380	29,197	39,772	21,834	1,471
	Qtr 3	246,873	56,940	3,014	7,714	50,272	1,004	16,909	36,196	48,366	26,448	10
	Qtr 4	228,409	56,219	2,132	6,870	49,074	1,293	17,526	37,315	33,711	24,249	21
2015	202,664	46,215	1,970	4,067	20,976	2,294	18,112	39,530	42,857	26,642	-	
2013	January	81,351	16,617	540	2,268	29,234	405	4,719	10,839	11,344	5,385	-
	February	46,591	17,839	414	1,590	460	119	3,897	10,698	6,766	4,807	-
	March	48,899	12,179	465	1,502	14,664	60	2,830	5,050	8,419	3,731	-
	April	91,595	22,670	1,015	5,231	24,444	687	5,661	12,072	13,595	5,991	229
	May	53,890	14,409	749	1,339	13,113	132	3,575	7,814	8,438	4,322	-
	June	64,210	18,031	950	3,595	12,526	39	4,463	8,358	9,144	7,104	-
	July	77,643	19,409	1,815	2,231	15,470	159	4,427	13,315	14,894	5,923	-
	August	76,223	19,376	748	2,140	16,073	153	4,794	14,012	12,279	6,595	54
	September	86,640	19,477	776	2,725	15,469	192	5,828	18,761	11,789	11,623	-
	October	68,614	16,278	1,647	1,929	15,704	470	4,150	11,052	12,152	5,231	-
	November	95,702	21,759	753	2,437	28,863	263	5,384	10,084	17,011	9,148	-
	December	59,934	19,993	726	2,177	1,120	818	4,705	14,279	10,524	5,592	-
2014	January	75,214	16,178	938	1,127	25,347	477	5,155	10,085	8,163	7,742	2
	February	76,368	11,373	334	1,474	36,639	31	3,559	10,379	8,761	3,817	-
	March	50,239	15,123	457	1,823	938	842	4,489	8,755	11,300	6,511	-
	April	79,223	17,333	607	1,730	18,582	433	3,940	8,022	18,436	10,140	1
	May	69,952	15,016	275	2,629	17,962	208	5,254	10,622	9,852	6,664	1,469
	June	69,048	16,494	349	1,975	17,768	208	5,186	10,553	11,485	5,030	1
	July	88,435	16,259	766	2,917	21,952	255	4,637	11,565	22,848	7,234	2
	August	93,123	23,608	1,593	2,043	17,638	621	6,761	12,766	15,952	12,133	7
	September	65,314	17,074	654	2,753	10,682	128	5,510	11,866	9,565	7,081	1
	October	69,232	16,743	551	2,087	15,211	422	4,951	12,096	9,814	7,341	16
	November	75,000	18,832	635	2,101	19,038	369	6,713	10,747	9,773	6,788	4
	December	84,176	20,645	946	2,681	14,824	502	5,862	14,472	14,125	10,119	1
2015	January	70,658	14,144	304	2,630	13,962	612	3,742	9,293	20,207	5,765	-
	February	60,788	15,827	1,084	373	474	319	7,881	15,372	9,956	9,502	-
	March (P)	71,217	16,244	583	1,063	6,540	1,364	6,488	14,865	12,694	11,376	-

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**Table 5: Imports (value) by major countries of Exports**

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Export	Annual			Quarter					Month												
				2014				2015	2014								2015				
	2012	2013	2014	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)
New Zealand	215,244	254,361	250,392	51,856	54,186	84,841	59,509	62,560	20,539	17,513	20,733	15,940	33,207	28,802	22,832	18,224	18,093	23,191	20,092	18,391	24,077
Australia	72,758	61,611	79,086	16,970	16,677	23,793	21,646	20,810	6,589	4,427	6,381	5,868	6,641	10,551	6,601	6,367	7,926	7,354	8,033	4,884	7,894
Fiji	45,390	48,843	48,140	9,553	11,478	14,426	12,683	10,859	2,721	3,781	3,802	3,895	4,244	5,458	4,724	3,423	4,580	4,680	2,988	3,558	4,313
United States of America	100,779	105,248	90,139	20,986	22,784	22,112	24,257	15,514	6,840	8,370	6,569	7,845	4,991	9,055	8,066	9,032	8,040	7,185	4,021	6,244	5,249
China, Peoples Republic of	62,549	69,325	93,819	14,596	34,164	20,130	24,928	32,046	3,805	19,225	5,354	9,585	4,912	9,612	5,606	6,286	6,587	12,055	6,083	18,192	7,771
Hong Kong	11,567	14,711	12,474	2,617	2,130	2,517	5,210	2,363	391	811	684	636	550	1,118	849	1,429	1,107	2,674	701	709	953
Indonesia	17,707	13,420	13,445	3,389	2,617	3,271	4,168	4,123	1,254	925	702	990	751	1,290	1,231	968	1,939	1,260	244	2,112	1,767
Japan	32,240	31,275	32,724	5,056	7,497	11,741	8,430	8,856	2,288	2,803	3,091	1,603	4,607	4,882	2,252	3,355	2,162	2,913	2,191	1,969	4,697
Malaysia	7,663	13,274	9,993	2,367	2,991	1,490	3,146	11,219	952	1,105	662	1,224	179	853	457	302	1,330	1,514	9,435	652	1,132
Philippines	1,616	2,404	848	460	50	307	32	293	296	0	50	0	83	65	159	32	-	-	242	50	0
Singapore	182,250	193,942	218,448	64,298	54,597	49,485	50,069	24,593	1,549	17,852	18,601	18,144	21,661	18,093	9,731	15,862	18,577	15,631	14,452	581	9,560
Thailand	11,701	19,974	20,249	4,719	3,849	4,454	7,227	4,929	1,620	1,039	1,363	1,447	1,041	1,455	1,957	1,966	2,637	2,624	1,437	1,749	1,743
India	1,065	3,364	2,975	808	435	784	949	400	419	267	89	78	135	261	387	304	186	459	9	86	306
Korea Democratic People's	825	1,713	2,505	435	1,044	170	856	689	125	300	283	460	86	48	37	91	225	541	238	284	168
Korea Republic of	1,919	2,289	1,845	693	364	251	537	268	164	87	227	50	88	90	73	3	333	200	54	60	154
Papua New Guinea	2,136	2,395	1,362	297	474	408	183	208	10	220	126	128	228	180	0	81	71	31	2	107	99
Tonga	528	954	1,143	156	233	312	441	169	6	103	42	88	155	57	100	216	132	93	66	22	80
Taiwan, Province of China	2,062	2,258	2,567	544	332	330	1,361	368	57	0	165	167	-	304	27	491	217	653	234	133	0
Viet Nam	3,018	1,774	2,222	437	582	0	1,203	248	76	94	272	216	0	0	-	317	506	380	-	-	248
Other countries	18,955	8,158	10,948	1,585	1,739	6,050	1,575	2,150	538	299	755	684	4,876	950	225	484	354	737	137	1,005	1,008
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>791,974</b>	<b>851,292</b>	<b>895,326</b>	<b>201,821</b>	<b>218,223</b>	<b>246,873</b>	<b>228,409</b>	<b>202,664</b>	<b>50,239</b>	<b>79,223</b>	<b>69,952</b>	<b>69,048</b>	<b>88,435</b>	<b>93,123</b>	<b>65,314</b>	<b>69,232</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>84,176</b>	<b>70,658</b>	<b>60,788</b>	<b>71,217</b>

Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)

All values are in Samoan tala.

(P) : Provisional figures

Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Samoa Customs Service

HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.)

Note: Totals may be slightly different due to roundings.