



SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

MERCHANDISE TRADE December 2018 quarter

Highlights of the quarter

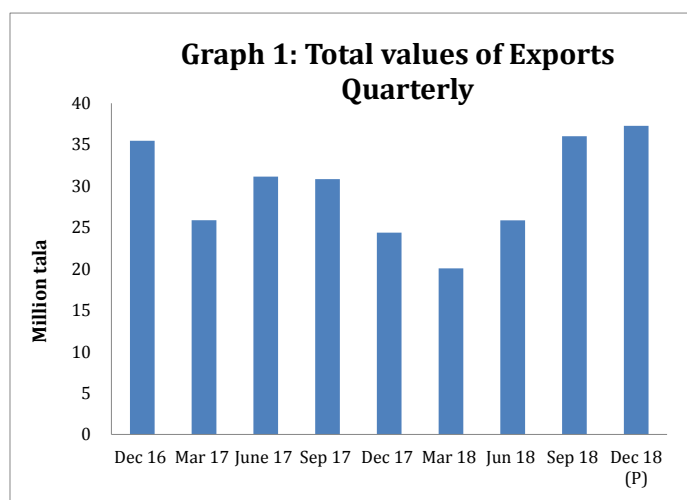
(December 2018 quarter compared with the September 2018 quarter)

- Exports value rose 3.5 percent to \$37.3 million.
- Imports value rose 5.8 percent to \$264.5 million.
- There was a trade deficit of \$227.4 million.

Overview

Value of Exports

In the December 2018 quarter, exports were valued at \$37.3 million, increasing 3.5 percent from the previous quarter. Mainly responsible for the current increase were exports of meats and edible offal products (up \$3.3 million), petroleum oils (up \$1.4 million) and fruit juices (up \$1.0 million). In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2017, the current value of exports increased 52.9 percent. (See Table 1 and Graph 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2018 showed a 6.2 percent increase in the total value of exports

when compared with the four quarters ending December 2017.

Principal export commodities¹

In the December 2018 quarter, **Petroleum oils²** exports became the top commodities exported, valued at \$9.1 million (24.5 percent of total exports value), reflecting a largest share of jet fuel exports. When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2017, the current value of petroleum oils exports increased 12.6 percent.

Fish exports followed with a total value of \$7.9 million (21.1 percent of total value). This value was 45.7 percent lower than the previous quarter but 10.5 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2017.

Fruit juices increased 35.0 percent (to \$4.0 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 10.8 percent of total exports. In comparison with the same quarter of 2017, the current value of fruit juices was five times higher; with nonu juice exports the main driver of the current increase.

Exports of **taro** had a total value of \$2.1 million, accounting for 5.7 of total exports value. This value was 20.6 percent higher than the previous quarter but 4.9 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2017.

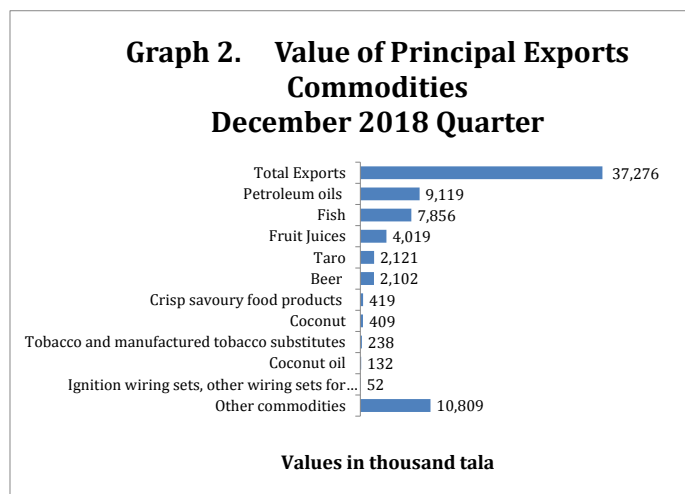
Exports of **beer** increased 31.5 percent (to \$2.1 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.6 percent of total exports value. In comparison with the same quarter of 2017, the current value of beer exports increased 28.6 percent.

Exports of **crisp savoury food products, coconut, and tobacco** were also increased from the previous quarter, valued at \$419 thousand, \$409 thousand and \$238 thousand respectively while exports of **coconut oil and ignition**

¹ Includes re-export commodities

² Fuel re-exports for shipping vessels and airlines

wiring sets were decreased from the previous quarter, valued at \$132 thousand and \$52 thousand respectively. Exports of all other commodities recorded a combined total of \$10.8 million. (See Table 2 and Graph 2).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Country of Destination for Exports

American Samoa maintained the largest export market in the December 2018 quarter despite the 39.4 percent decrease in its value from the previous quarter; accounting for 22.0 percent of total exports value; with fish exports the main driver of the current fall. In comparison with the same quarter of 2017, the current value of exports to American Samoa increased 29.2 percent.

Exports to **Tokelau** increased 99.7 percent (to \$6.9 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 18.7 percent of total exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2017, the current value of exports to Tokelau was three time higher.

Exports to **New Zealand** increased 28.5 percent (to \$6.8 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 18.2 percent of total exports value. When compared with the same quarter of 2017, the current value of exports to New Zealand increased 25.1 percent.

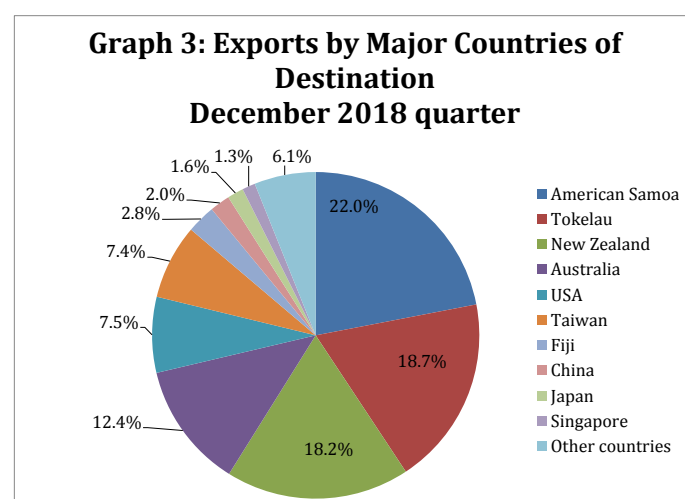
Exports to **Australia** had a total value of \$4.6 million (12.4 percent of total exports value); increasing 42.3 percent and 56.1 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.

Exports to **USA** decreased 14.3 percent (to \$2.8 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 7.5 percent of total exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2017, the

current value of exports to USA was 2 times higher.

Exports to **Taiwan** had a total value of \$2.8 million (7.4 percent of total exports value). This value was 13.0 percent and 61.2 percent higher than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.

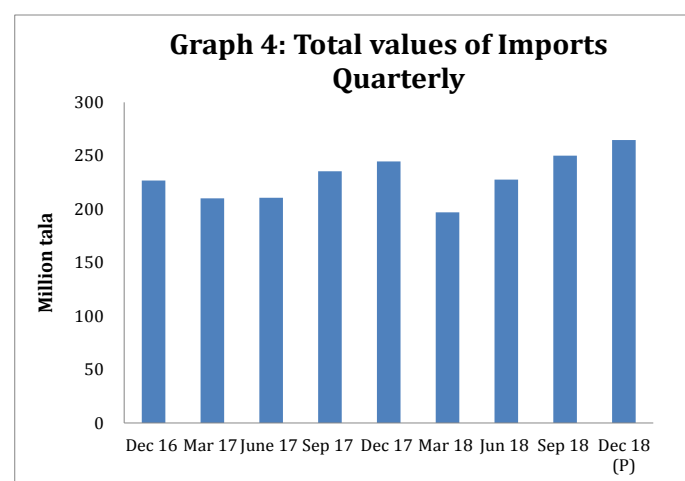
Exports to **China and Singapore** were increased from the previous quarter, accounting for 2.0 percent and 1.3 percent of total exports value while exports to **Fiji and Japan** were decrease from the previous quarter, accounting for 2.8 percent and 1.6 percent of total exports value respectively. Other countries of destination for exports accounting for 6.1 percent of total exports value. (See Table 4 and Graph 3)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Value of Imports

In the December 2018 quarter, imports were valued at \$264.6 million. This value was 5.8 percent and 8.1 percent higher than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively. (See Table 1 and Graph 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2018 showed a 4.3 percent increase in the total value of imports when compared with the four quarters ending December 2017.

Principal Imports Commodities

In the December 2018 quarter, **mineral products** maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported, valued at \$43.9 million (16.6 percent of total imports value), reflecting a large share of distillate fuel imports. This value was 20.9 percent lower than the previous quarter but 10.2 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2017.

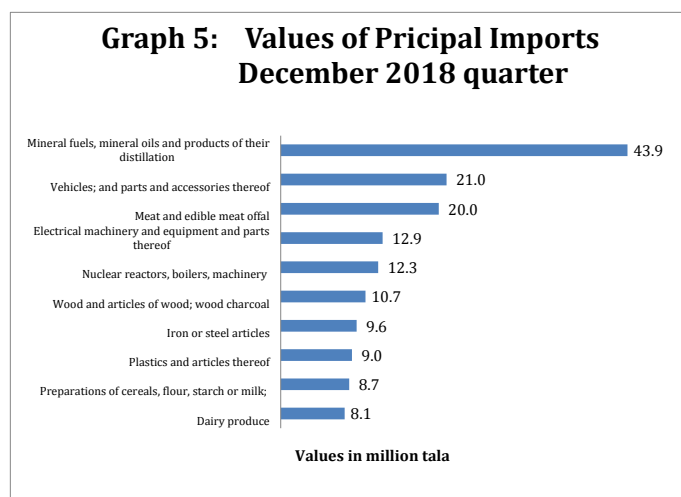
Imports of **vehicles and parts and accessories thereof** had a total value of \$21.0 million (7.9 percent of total imports value), increasing 26.1 percent and 23.3 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.

Imports of **meat and edible meat offal** were valued at \$20.0 million (7.6 percent each of total imports value), reflecting a large share of poultry meats. This value was 22.0 percent and 6.7 percent higher than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2017 respectively.

Imports of **electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof** were valued at \$12.9 million (4.9 percent of total imports value), increasing 8.2 percent from the previous quarter but 39.6 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2017.

Imports of **nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery** were valued at \$12.3 million (4.7 percent of total imports value), decreasing 21.4 percent and 8.0 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.

Imports of **wood and articles of wood, iron or steel articles, plastics and articles thereof, preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk and dairy produce** were increased from the previous quarter, valued at \$10.7 million, \$9.6 million, \$9.0 million, \$8.7 million and \$8.1 million respectively. Imports of other commodities had a combined total of \$108.3 million. (See Table 4 and Graph 5).



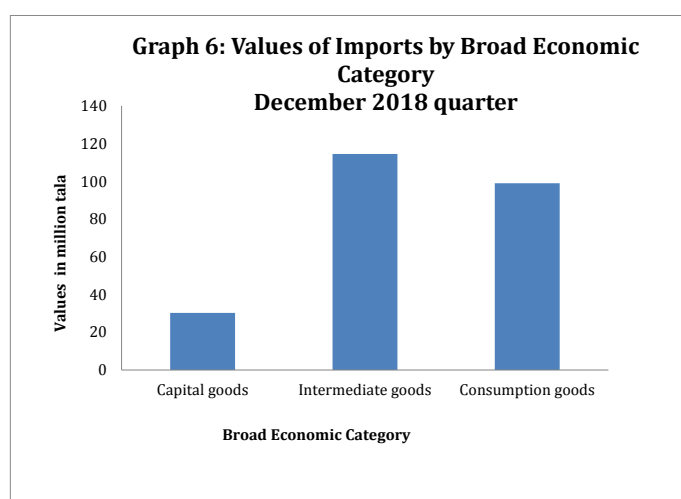
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Imports by Broad Economic Categories

For the three main broad economic categories in the December 2018 quarter, capital goods were valued at \$30.3 million (11.4 percent of total imports value), increasing 1.2 percent from the previous quarter.

Intermediate goods were valued at \$114.5 million (43.3 percent of total imports value), increasing 15.1 percent from the previous quarter.

Consumption goods were valued at \$99.0 million (37.4 percent of total value), increasing 12.7 percent from the previous quarter. (See Table 5 and Graph 6).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Major Source Markets of Imports

New Zealand continued to be the leading source markets of imports in the December 2018 quarter, accounting for 26.1 percent of total imports value, increasing 2.8 percent from the

previous quarter and 3.7 percent from the same quarter of 2017.

Imports from **Singapore** accounted for 15.9 percent of total imports value, decreasing 20.7 percent from the previous quarter and 1.0 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2017.

Imports from **China** accounted for 11.4 percent of total imports value, increasing 36.9 percent and 57.6 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2017 respectively.

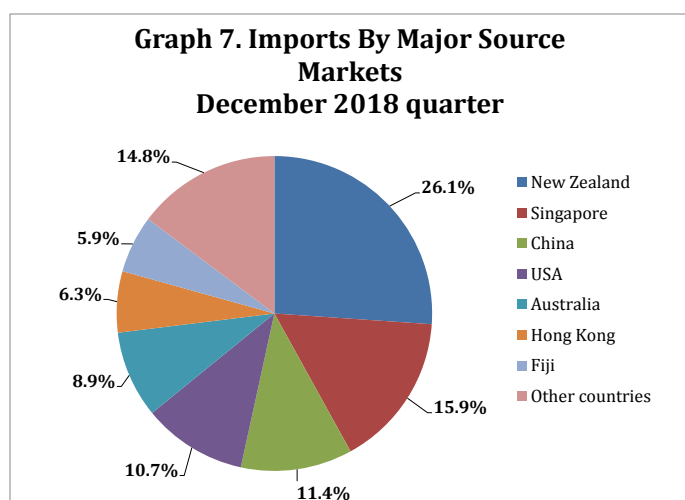
Imports from **USA** accounted for 10.7 percent of total imports value, increasing 13.8 percent from the previous quarter but decreasing 9.2 percent when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2017.

Imports from **Australia** accounted for 8.9 percent of total imports value, decreasing 2.4 percent from the previous quarter but 14.6 percent higher than the same quarter of 2017.

Imports from **Hong Kong** accounted for 6.3 percent of total imports value, increasing 34.9 percent and 76.1 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.

Imports from **Fiji** accounted for 5.9 percent of total imports value, increasing 19.9 percent from the previous quarter and 5.4 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2017.

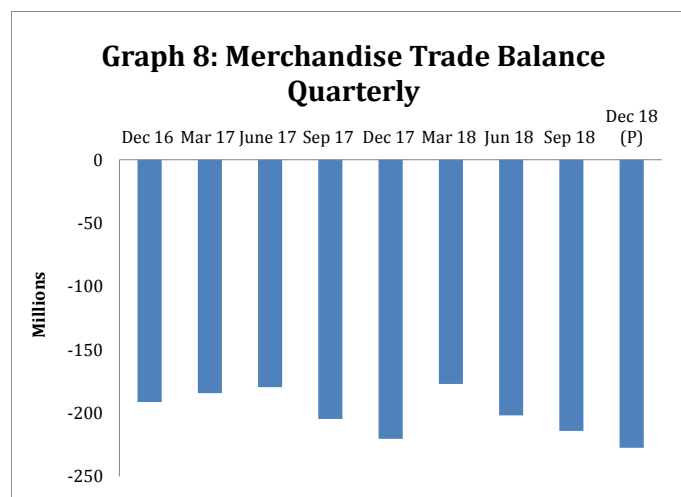
All other countries of imports accounted for less than 5.0 percent each shares of total imports had a combined total of 14.8 percent. **(See Table 6 and Graph 7).**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Trade Balance

In the December 2018 quarter, the total value of imports (\$264.6 million) exceeded that of exports (\$37.3 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$227.4 million). (See Table 1 and Graph 8).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The March 2019 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 26th 2019.

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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)

Definitions

December 2018 quarter: (October, November, December 2018)

Capital goods: are produced assets that are used repeatedly or continuously, for longer than one year, in industrial production processes. Examples are machinery, trucks, and aircraft.

cif: is the cost of goods, including insurance and freight to Samoa.

Consumption goods: are goods used (without further transformation in industrial production processes) by households, government, or non-profit institutions serving households.

Exports (domestic): are goods of domestic origin exported from Samoa to another country. Exports in this release are valued fob and are shown in Samoan tala.

fob: is free on board (the value of goods at Samoa ports before export).

Imports: are goods imported into Samoa. Imports in this release are valued at cif and are shown in Samoan tala.

Intermediate goods: are goods used up, or transformed in, industrial production processes.

Merchandise trade: covers exports or imports of goods that alter the nation's stock of material resources.

Provisional: statistics for the latest three months are provisional, to allow late data and amendments to be included.

Re-exports: are exports of foreign goods which were previously recorded as Samoa's imports.

Trade balance: is calculated by deducting imports (cif) from exports (fob). These two valuations are not entirely comparable, because the cif valuation includes insurance and freight to Samoa, while the fob valuation excludes insurance and freight from Samoa.

Trade deficit: occurs when the value of imports is more than the value of exports.

Trade surplus: occurs when the value of exports is more than the value of imports.

Table 1

Merchandise Trade Summary
Amount in thousand tala

Period	EXPORTS (fob) (a)	Imports (cif) (b)	Trade Balance (a-b)	
2013	144,103	851,292	-707,189	
2014	117,773	895,326	-777,553	
2015	136,018	855,390	-719,372	
2016	143,755	899,005	-755,250	
2017	112,215	900,997	-788,782	
2018(P)	119,204	939,443	-820,239	
Three months ended				
Mar 15	24,003	202,664	-178,660	
Jun 15	28,393	202,557	-174,164	
Sept 15	44,840	222,818	-177,979	
Dec 15	38,782	227,350	-188,569	
Mar 16	28,256	220,835	-192,579	
June 16	35,098	226,981	-191,883	
Sep 16	44,936	224,418	-179,482	
Dec 16	35,466	226,772	-191,306	
Mar 17	25,871	210,126	-184,255	
June 17	31,138	210,684	-179,546	
Sep 17	30,834	235,475	-204,641	
Dec 17	24,372	244,712	-220,340	
Mar 18	20,050	197,020	-176,969	
Jun 18	25,858	227,652	-201,794	
Sep 18	36,021	250,123	-214,103	
Dec 18 (P)	37,276	264,649	-227,373	
Monthly				
2017	January	7,690	69,698	-62,008
	February	10,181	61,294	-51,113
	March	8,000	79,134	-71,134
	April	7,589	66,272	-58,684
	May	9,191	72,040	-62,849
	June	14,358	72,371	-58,013
	July	8,952	70,292	-61,340
	August	11,450	80,356	-68,905
	September	10,432	84,827	-74,395
	October	8,390	80,446	-72,056
	November	7,482	93,942	-86,460
	December	8,501	70,324	-61,824
2018	January	6,181	74,546	-68,365
	February	5,784	68,186	-62,402
	March	8,085	54,288	-46,203
	April	7,988	84,084	-76,096
	May	10,060	79,576	-69,517
	June	7,810	63,992	-56,182
	July	11,542	79,733	-68,191
	August	12,833	92,981	-80,147
	September	11,645	77,409	-77,409
	October(P)	16,842	100,917	-84,074
	November(P)	10,460	70,701	-60,241
	December(P)	9,973	93,031	-83,058

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

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Table 2.

Exports of main commodities⁽¹⁾
Amount in thousand tala (SAT, 000)

Commodity	Annually			Quarterly									Percentage change	
				2017				2018						
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	% of Total	Dec18 / Sep18	Dec18 / Dec17
Fish	43,524	33,259	33,847	3,886	10,680	11,587	7,107	5,944	5,549	14,477	7,856	21.1	-45.7	10.5
Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft..	38,532	8,078	833	5,882	838	1,358	-	246	134	403	52	0.1	-87.2	#VALUE!
Petroleum oils	30,833	32,317	30,153	7,364	8,289	8,563	8,101	5,721	7,570	7,718	9,119	24.5	18.2	12.6
Fruit Juices	8,160	4,267	10,033	1,283	1,494	678	812	1,060	1,966	2,978	4,019	10.8	35.0	395.1
Taro	6,315	10,576	7,018	2,035	3,532	2,779	2,230	1,364	1,769	1,758	2,121	5.7	20.6	-4.9
Beer	3,694	4,873	6,906	913	1,081	1,245	1,635	1,548	1,651	1,599	2,102	5.6	31.5	28.6
Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	592	462	700	135	99	99	129	115	192	153	238	0.6	55.4	84.9
Coconut oil	2,239	2,099	1,100	991	711	240	157	25	103	840	132	0.4	-84.3	-16.1
Crisp savoury food products	80	341	614	150	43	54	95	78	43	74	419	1.1	466.9	342.6
Coconut	709	1,746	1,571	421	658	179	488	467	361	333	409	1.1	22.8	-16.2
Other commodities	9,077	14,196	26,528	2,811	3,713	4,052	3,620	3,483	6,519	5,689	10,809	29.0	90.0	198.6
Total Exports	143,755	112,215	119,304	25,871	31,138	30,834	24,372	20,050	25,858	36,021	37,276	100.0	3.5	52.9

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Table 3.

Exports by major country of destination
Amount in thousand tala (000)

Country of Destination	Annually			Quarterly									Percentage Change	
				2017				2018						
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	% of Total	Dec18 / Sep18	Dec18 / Dec17
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	9,790	5,707	5,587	2,967	1,573	3,391	3,255	4,631	12.4	42.3	56.1
American Samoa	37,059	29,876	31,779	3,404	9,070	11,065	6,337	5,261	4,821	13,510	8,188	22.0	-39.4	29.2
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	4,892	6,314	5,456	5,414	4,286	4,770	5,272	6,773	18.2	28.5	25.1
USA	9,592	6,253	11,214	2,140	2,005	1,029	1,079	1,126	4,036	3,258	2,794	7.5	-14.3	158.9
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	1,565	2,599	2,546	2,449	2,814	3,136	3,500	6,989	18.7	99.7	185.4
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	1,134	1,416	1,776	1,712	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	7.4	13.0	61.2
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	1,288	1,176	1,019	1,013	767	849	1,561	1,056	2.8	-32.3	4.3
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	469	127	276	409	75	238	390	742	2.0	90.4	81.3
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	690	1,208	1,082	1,048	1,333	1,087	978	597	1.6	-39.0	-43.0
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	122	271	290	295	425	231	434	481	1.3	10.7	63.0
Other countries	4,006	3,979	5,860	376	1,245	710	1,648	1,011	1,166	1,420	2,264	6.1	59.5	37.4
Total Exports	143,755	112,215	119,204	25,871	31,138	30,834	24,372	20,050	25,858	36,021	37,276	100.0	3.5	52.9

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Table 4

PRINCIPAL IMPORTS**Amount in thousand tala**

Commodities	Annually			Quarterly								Percentage Change		
				2017				2018						
	2016	2017	2018(P)	March	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	% of Total	Dec18/Sep18	Dec18/Dec17
Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation	123,914	144,208	178,467	35,218	36,167	32,959	39,863	31,425	47,600	55,532	43,910	16.6	-20.9	10.2
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof	68,754	65,998	55,480	18,079	8,170	18,382	21,368	15,718	14,929	11,928	12,906	4.9	8.2	-39.6
Meat and edible meat offal	63,065	68,225	65,488	15,737	14,605	19,130	18,752	14,150	14,925	16,401	20,012	7.6	22.0	6.7
Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery	51,077	49,175	50,752	9,765	12,140	13,846	13,424	10,553	12,138	15,713	12,348	4.7	-21.4	-8.0
Vehicles; and parts and accessories thereof	63,897	58,733	68,629	15,680	9,912	16,103	17,037	13,829	17,125	16,665	21,009	7.9	26.1	23.3
Plastics and articles thereof	43,071	28,833	29,232	5,838	6,396	9,303	7,296	6,103	6,297	7,797	9,034	3.4	15.9	23.8
Iron or steel articles	35,226	38,253	31,729	9,896	13,647	8,691	6,018	5,060	8,257	8,791	9,622	3.6	9.5	59.9
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	30,298	30,278	31,139	8,140	7,891	5,996	8,251	4,738	7,643	8,023	10,735	4.1	33.8	30.1
Dairy produce	25,150	27,564	29,274	7,792	5,419	7,866	6,487	6,836	6,959	7,379	8,100	3.1	9.8	24.9
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk;	27,436	26,319	29,884	6,464	5,652	6,544	7,659	6,830	7,434	6,944	8,677	3.3	25.0	13.3
Other commodities	367,117	363,411	369,369	77,515	90,684	96,655	98,557	81,779	84,345	94,949	108,296	40.9	14.1	9.9
Total Imports	899,005	900,997	939,443	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	197,020	227,652	250,123	264,649	100.0	5.8	8.1

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Table 5

IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC

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Economic Category	ANNUALLY			QUARTERLY									
	2016	2017	2018(P)	2017				2018					
				Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)		
1* Food and Beverage													
11* Primary													
111* Mainly for industry	4,566	1,598	1,389	589	374	360	274	350	308	360	370		
112* Mainly for household consumption	27,440	26,631	29,299	6,823	6,089	6,831	6,888	6,762	7,118	7,492	7,928		
12* Processed													
121* Mainly for industry	34,606	34,591	32,508	9,439	7,997	8,619	8,536	7,432	8,748	8,158	8,170		
122* Mainly for household consumption	178,616	179,050	195,096	39,752	39,265	50,647	49,385	41,822	44,521	49,898	58,854		
2* Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified													
21* Primary	9,843	7,983	10,452	2,293	1,674	1,934	2,082	1,501	2,097	4,406	2,448		
22* Processed	211,264	227,739	202,543	49,865	60,732	60,965	56,177	41,218	47,833	50,774	62,719		
3* Fuels and Lubricants													
31* Primary	223	508	2,151	58	36	22	392	204	745	606	597		
32* Processed													
321* Motor spirit	55,974	67,913	76,487	16,027	17,555	14,647	19,684	15,062	22,358	26,917	12,149		
322* Other	64,532	74,644	94,224	19,007	18,416	17,973	19,248	15,851	23,157	25,291	29,925		
4* Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories thereof													
41* Capital goods (except transport equipmet)	80,312	74,917	77,145	16,307	14,465	22,866	21,279	18,823	18,555	20,542	19,226		
42* Parts and accessories	31,407	28,542	25,139	7,036	5,931	6,998	8,577	6,242	6,767	5,573	6,557		
5* Transport Equipment and Parts and Accessories thereof													
51* Passenger motor cars	27,135	25,136	26,272	7,149	3,118	8,392	6,477	5,005	6,679	5,907	8,681		
521* Industrial	33,500	29,168	37,022	7,646	6,343	6,034	9,144	7,507	9,100	9,366	11,049		
522* Non-industrial	2,620	1,174	1,170	242	247	226	458	278	254	296	342		
53* Parts and accessories	14,623	17,015	15,350	4,034	3,827	4,139	5,014	3,710	3,506	4,374	3,761		
6* Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified													
61* Durable	17,891	16,741	17,249	2,903	4,037	4,571	5,229	3,722	4,311	5,211	4,004		
62* Semi-durable	51,900	39,947	39,304	9,098	9,204	9,175	12,470	8,127	8,522	10,594	12,061		
63* Non-durable	52,499	47,605	56,624	11,849	11,307	11,062	13,387	13,398	13,071	14,355	15,801		
7* Goods Not Elsewhere Specified	54	97	19	10	64	12	11	5	3	5	6		
TOTAL IMPORTS	899,005	900,997	939,443	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	197,020	227,652	250,123	264,649		
of which													
Capital goods	113,813	104,085	114,167	23,953	20,808	28,900	30,423	26,330	27,655	29,907	30,276		
Intermediate goods	371,063	392,619	383,756	92,319	98,988	101,012	100,300	76,509	93,160	99,541	114,546		
Consumption goods	330,966	311,148	338,741	70,667	70,150	82,512	87,819	74,108	77,797	87,846	98,990		

1 Capital Goods: sum of categories 41* and 521*

2 Intermediate Goods: sum of categories 111*, 121*, 21*, 22*, 31*, 322*, 42* and 53*

3 Consumption Goods: sum of categories 112*, 122*, 522*, 61*, 62* and 63*

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

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

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Source Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source Customs and PPS establishment survey

Table 6

Imports by main source markets
Amount in thousand tala (000)

Country of Export	Annually			Quarterly									Percentage Change	
				2017				2018					Dec18/Sep18	Dec18/Dec17
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	% of Total		
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	56,304	56,404	58,715	66,543	53,638	65,784	67,170	69,035	26.1	2.8	3.7
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	37,623	36,791	32,273	42,493	32,490	45,982	53,038	42,053	15.9	-20.7	-1.0
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	21,641	13,945	26,812	19,209	16,931	15,440	22,120	30,281	11.4	36.9	57.6
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	19,822	25,323	28,820	20,628	22,705	22,506	24,200	23,629	8.9	-2.4	14.6
USA	92,621	100,314	92,867	20,280	22,961	25,895	31,178	21,503	18,159	24,884	28,321	10.7	13.8	-9.2
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	12,083	10,827	14,696	14,831	12,462	12,700	13,041	15,636	5.9	19.9	5.4
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	13,566	5,191	11,147	8,570	5,611	12,660	10,947	10,770	4.1	-1.6	25.7
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	2,303	1,477	2,075	1,621	1,604	1,862	1,379	2,177	0.8	57.9	34.3
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	4,429	2,310	6,066	9,088	5,197	7,684	5,463	8,496	3.2	55.5	-6.5
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	2,633	3,072	2,071	2,631	3,087	2,443	2,835	3,960	1.5	39.7	50.5
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	4,844	7,026	12,230	9,444	7,708	9,225	12,327	16,629	6.3	34.9	76.1
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	590	9,839	804	661	663	809	723	1,214	0.5	67.9	83.7
Korea Democratic	3,996	3,338	4,843	1,605	323	668	742	662	1,332	1,063	1,786	0.7	68.1	140.7
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	515	399	887	632	2,069	1,308	856	1,498	0.6	75.1	136.9
Taiwan	4,932	1,371	2,433	651	389	127	205	564	670	915	283	0.1	-69.1	37.9
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	6,344	3,272	3,138	4,334	7,056	2,974	3,133	4,943	1.9	57.8	14.0
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	212	93	175	184	72	11	120	143	0.1	19.1	-22.3
Tonga	2,248	187	489	54	29	1	102	3	102	146	238	0.1	63.5	132.7
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	310	332	246	249	105	134	164	448	0.2	173.8	79.6
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	4,317	10,682	8,629	11,366	2,891	5,867	5,601	3,106	1.2	-44.5	-72.7
Total Imports	899,005	900,997	939,443	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	197,020	227,652	250,123	264,649	100.0	5.8	8.1

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