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### Merchandise Trade January 2017

#### Highlights of the month

##### Exports<sup>1</sup>

- ✚ Exports were valued at \$7.7 million, decreasing 26.3 percent from December 2016
- ✚ 'Food and live animals' exports recorded the largest decrease (down \$3.5 million from December 2016), reflecting lower values of fish exports in the month under review (down \$3.4 million)
- ✚ 'Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials<sup>2</sup>' exports became the top commodity groups exported during January 2017, representing 38.1 percent of total exports value.
- ✚ Exports to American Samoa recorded the largest decrease (down \$3.7 million) while exports to Australia recorded the largest increase (up \$1.2 million) from December 2016.

##### Imports

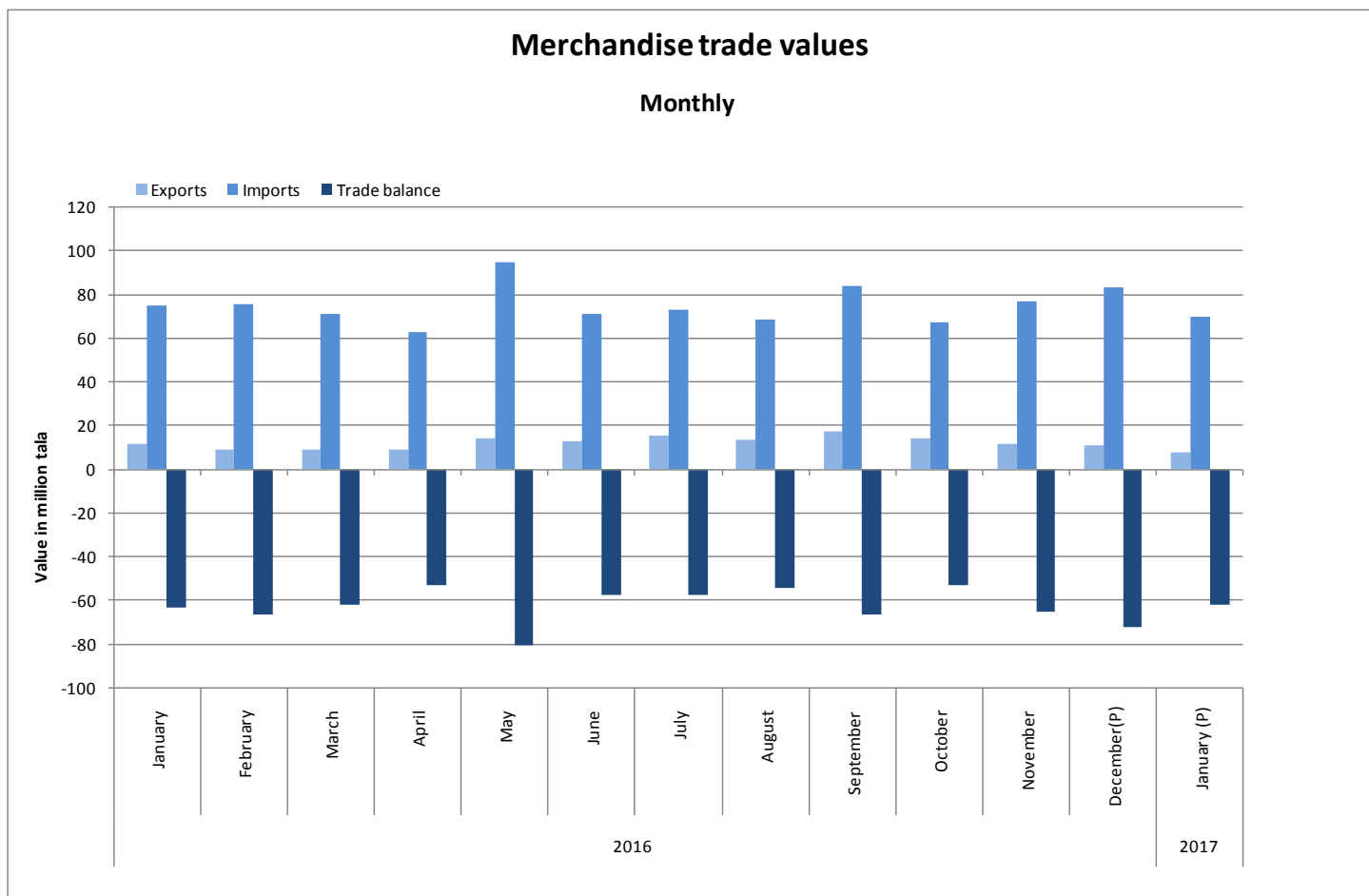
- ✚ Imports were valued at \$69.7 million, decreasing 16.2 percent from December 2016.
- ✚ Mainly responsible for the decrease from December 2016 were lower values of 'Food and live animals' (down \$4.9 million), 'Machinery & Transport Equipments' (down \$2.5 million), 'Chemicals & Related Products' (down \$2.2 million) and 'Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (down \$2.1 million) imports.
- ✚ 'Food and live animals' imports remained the top commodity groups imported during January 2017, representing 25.4 percent of total imports value.
- ✚ Imports from Australia, Fiji, Singapore and USA recorded largest increases from December 2016.

##### Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$69.7 million) exceeded that of exports (\$7.7 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$62.0 million.

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

<sup>2</sup> Re-exports of fuel for airlines and shipping vessels



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-SAD) which is 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 February 2017 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.



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Table 1

**Merchandise Trade Summary**Amount in thousand tala

<b>Period</b>	<b>EXPORTS (fob) (a)</b>	<b>Imports (cif) (b)</b>	<b>Trade Balance (a-b)</b>
<b>2011</b>	153,111	805,752	-652,641
<b>2012</b>	176,428	791,974	-615,546
<b>2013</b>	144,103	851,292	-707,189
<b>2014</b>	117,773	895,326	-777,553
<b>2015</b>	136,018	855,390	-719,372
<b>2016</b>	143,755	899,005	-755,250
<b>Three months ended</b>			
<b>Jun 13</b>	30,184	209,695	-179,511
<b>Sep 13</b>	48,134	240,506	-192,372
<b>Dec 13</b>	37,425	224,250	-186,825
<b>Mar 14</b>	23,289	201,821	-178,532
<b>Jun 14</b>	26,391	218,223	-191,833
<b>Sep 14</b>	38,971	246,873	-207,902
<b>Dec 14</b>	29,123	228,409	-199,286
<b>Mar 15</b>	24,003	202,664	-178,660
<b>Jun 15</b>	28,393	202,557	-174,164
<b>Sept 15</b>	44,840	222,818	-177,979
<b>Dec 15</b>	38,782	227,350	-188,569
<b>Mar 16</b>	28,256	220,835	-192,579
<b>June 16</b>	35,098	226,981	-191,883
<b>Sep 16</b>	44,936	224,418	-179,482
<b>Dec 16 (P)</b>	35,466	226,772	-191,306
<b>Monthly</b>			
<b>2015</b>			
January	6,858	70,658	-63,801
February	7,532	60,788	-53,256
March	9,614	71,217	-61,603
April	10,530	62,472	-51,942
May	7,157	65,575	-58,418
June	10,706	74,510	-63,803
July	16,417	87,728	-71,312
August	13,677	58,382	-44,704
September	14,745	76,708	-61,963
October	14,507	70,753	-56,246
November	13,140	79,546	-66,407
December	11,135	77,051	-65,916
<b>2016</b>			
January	11,069	74,690	-63,622
February	8,550	75,475	-66,925
March	8,637	70,670	-62,033
April	8,837	62,167	-53,330
May	13,864	94,359	-80,495
June	12,397	70,454	-58,057
July	14,810	72,763	-57,953
August	13,398	68,101	-54,703
September	16,728	83,555	-66,827
October	13,807	67,043	-53,237
November	11,224	76,588	-65,364
December(P)	10,435	83,140	-72,705
<b>2017</b>			
January (P)	7,690	69,698	-62,008

a. Exports are valued fob (free on board – the value of goods at Samoa ports before export) and include re-exports.

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

All values are in Samoan tala.

(P) : Provisional figures

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

Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live		Bev-erages &		Crude		Mineral fuels,		Manu-		Commo-	
		Animal	Tobacco	Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	Related Materials *	Animal & Vege- table Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly - By Material	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Miscell-aneous Goods & Articles	Manufactured Goods & Articles	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	117,773	14,933	7,681	1,022	39,790	4,012	145	498	47,979	1,714	-		
2015	136,018	47,028	6,788	3,474	34,396	2,785	250	861	38,877	1,559	-		
2016	143,755	60,826	4,532	1,993	30,888	2,242	249	975	40,685	1,366	0		
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	26,391	2,901	1,506	146	10,806	1,030	73	55	9,338	535	-	
	Qtr 3	38,971	4,528	1,869	196	12,250	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	-	
	Qtr 2	28,393	9,155	1,316	349	7,888	1,091	97	286	7,948	264	-	
	Qtr 3	44,840	20,989	1,463	1,546	10,607	586	50	128	8,877	594	-	
	Qtr 4	38,782	12,682	2,517	1,440	8,205	14	60	311	13,017	537	-	
2016	Qtr 1	28,256	12,761	740	941	5,614	160	46	367	7,044	583	-	
	Qtr 2	35,098	14,147	868	566	7,805	1,097	30	167	10,201	217	-	
	Qtr 3	44,936	19,552	796	264	9,440	526	107	221	13,579	452	0	
	Qtr 4	35,466	14,365	2,128	222	8,030	458	66	221	9,860	114	-	
2016	January	11,069	5,441	223	257	2,198	-	17	281	2,462	189	-	
	February	8,550	2,952	164	481	1,783	0	15	27	2,942	185	-	
	March	8,637	4,368	352	203	1,633	160	14	58	1,640	208	-	
	April	8,837	1,805	326	214	2,888	352	1	24	3,212	15	-	
	May	13,864	7,580	218	103	2,177	377	5	60	3,323	21	-	
	June	12,397	4,762	324	248	2,740	369	24	83	3,666	180	-	
	July	14,810	4,787	305	52	3,293	-	20	70	6,038	245	-	
	August	13,398	6,508	265	54	3,044	227	77	35	3,100	89	0	
	September	16,728	8,257	226	158	3,103	299	10	116	4,441	118	-	
	October	13,807	5,267	621	93	2,800	120	12	9	4,867	18	-	
	November	11,224	3,125	953	54	2,119	328	10	77	4,472	84	-	
	December(P)	10,435	5,974	553	75	3,111	10	44	135	521	12	-	
2017	January (P)	7,690	2,515	294	262	2,929	394	24	256	976	40	-	

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

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Destination	Annual					Quarter								Month												
						2015				2016				2016												2017
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Mar	Jun	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept	Dec (P)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec(P)	Jan (P)
New Zealand	19,779	19,800	22,538	20,293	17,181	4,328	4,621	5,580	5,763	3,809	4,296	4,137	4,939	926	1,173	1,710	1,265	2,052	979	1,203	1,657	1,277	1,800	1,609	1,531	1,652
Australia	95,089	81,995	68,338	57,224	51,623	13,489	12,410	14,713	16,612	9,412	12,856	16,941	12,414	3,394	3,780	2,239	4,535	3,573	4,748	7,073	4,264	5,603	5,665	5,273	1,475	2,632
American Samoa	10,680	13,051	7,348	24,943	37,059	2,335	5,325	11,165	6,118	6,418	8,027	13,291	9,324	3,116	1,220	2,082	408	4,511	3,108	3,439	3,878	5,974	3,158	1,645	4,520	955
Fiji	1,291	3,497	3,551	3,944	4,575	1,011	698	1,439	797	1,116	1,181	1,128	1,151	492	305	319	271	487	422	270	429	429	226	294	631	293
Tokelau	4,662	10,377	3,004	3,772	4,236	859	1,177	508	1,227	1,483	870	872	1,012	861	489	132	191	179	500	346	358	168	335	282	395	458
China	0	319	16	1,904	2,050	302	131	880	591	990	550	345	164	688	-	302	6	291	254	40	266	39	38	42	85	311
Taiwan	189	593	489	5,766	7,576	427	1,049	2,557	1,732	1,215	1,772	2,179	2,410	446	412	357	645	392	735	790	570	819	849	516	1,045	629
Japan	2,150	717	325	5,214	4,238	0	1,318	1,878	2,019	537	1,413	1,303	985	304	129	104	213	853	348	246	591	467	581	141	263	281
Singapore	1,127	2,871	4,097	2,209	1,619	612	313	789	494	264	391	823	141	76	125	62	200	70	121	360	325	139	83	40	18	38
United States of America	5,058	4,177	4,441	7,256	9,592	490	886	3,476	2,404	1,976	2,351	3,067	2,198	536	585	855	656	1,213	482	952	897	1,218	1,017	927	254	401
Other countries	36,403	6,707	3,628	3,494	4,006	150	464	1,854	1,026	1,037	1,391	848	729	231	332	475	448	244	700	92	163	594	54	457	219	39
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>176,428</b>	<b>144,103</b>	<b>117,773</b>	<b>136,018</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>24,003</b>	<b>28,393</b>	<b>44,840</b>	<b>38,782</b>	<b>28,256</b>	<b>35,098</b>	<b>44,936</b>	<b>35,466</b>	<b>11,069</b>	<b>8,550</b>	<b>8,637</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>13,864</b>	<b>12,397</b>	<b>14,810</b>	<b>13,398</b>	<b>16,728</b>	<b>13,807</b>	<b>11,224</b>	<b>10,435</b>	<b>7,690</b>

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Revised figures due to reclassification of main countries of destination

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

Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Beverages & Tobacco	Crude Materials, Mineral fuels, Lub- In-edible, Except			Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manufactured Goods Classified		Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	Commodities & Transactions
				Fuels	Materials	ricants & Related			Chiefly By Material	Machinery & Transport Equipment		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	
2015	855,390	214,576	10,141	20,136	126,996	4,835	69,000	151,599	157,332	100,722	54	
2016	899,005	235,810	12,568	21,317	122,284	5,654	67,573	144,926	190,595	98,260	18	
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	Qtr 1	202,664	46,215	1,970	4,067	20,976	2,294	18,112	39,530	42,857	26,642	-
	Qtr 2	202,557	56,487	3,209	3,342	35,336	1,107	15,492	37,105	29,393	21,042	44
	Qtr 3	222,818	53,482	2,269	6,286	35,876	853	17,420	35,052	45,007	26,569	3
	Qtr 4	227,350	58,392	2,692	6,441	34,808	581	17,976	39,911	40,075	26,468	6
2016	Qtr 1	220,835	50,951	3,285	4,580	33,120	1,556	15,466	40,926	47,508	23,439	3
	Qtr 2	226,981	59,073	2,978	5,326	33,723	1,416	15,529	35,967	45,769	27,195	3
	Qtr 3	224,418	63,216	2,838	5,409	22,403	1,068	19,529	33,869	49,429	26,650	7
	Qtr 4 (P)	226,772	62,570	3,467	6,002	33,037	1,616	17,049	34,163	47,888	20,976	4
2016	January	74,690	17,167	490	2,394	10,498	710	4,967	12,929	16,294	9,240	1
	February	75,475	17,522	1,452	667	11,559	437	5,094	16,104	16,282	6,355	2
	March	70,670	16,262	1,343	1,519	11,064	409	5,405	11,893	14,931	7,843	1
	April	62,167	18,252	895	1,056	1,123	490	4,883	11,641	13,668	10,159	-
	May	94,359	23,859	1,193	2,553	16,332	453	6,428	12,915	19,788	10,835	3
	June	70,454	16,961	890	1,716	16,269	472	4,218	11,412	12,314	6,201	-
	July	72,763	22,637	924	1,873	901	290	7,917	10,984	19,678	7,553	7
	August	68,101	18,567	677	1,567	11,104	192	4,885	9,641	13,947	7,521	-
	September	83,555	22,012	1,237	1,969	10,399	586	6,727	13,244	15,804	11,577	-
	October	67,043	18,080	1,035	1,778	11,202	335	5,090	10,239	13,420	5,865	0
	November	76,588	21,874	1,153	2,150	9,269	762	5,451	11,662	16,556	7,708	4
	December (P)	83,140	22,616	1,279	2,075	12,566	519	6,508	12,262	17,913	7,403	-
2017	January (P)	69,698	17,715	567	2,833	10,424	346	4,276	11,382	15,432	6,723	1

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**Table 5: Imports (value) by major countries of Exports**  
Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Export	Annual					Quarter								Month												
						2015				2016				2016												2017
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept	Dec(P)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec (P)	Jan (P)
New Zealand	215,244	254,361	250,392	253,903	239,876	62,560	57,304	69,752	64,287	55,774	62,239	59,003	62,861	16,601	18,138	21,034	21,239	21,429	19,572	20,752	18,139	20,111	19,816	21,643	21,402	20,573
Australia	72,758	61,611	79,086	90,829	95,104	20,810	24,047	22,280	23,692	22,507	24,964	22,061	25,572	10,129	7,959	4,419	11,658	8,019	5,287	7,088	7,393	7,580	6,552	8,143	10,877	5,245
Fiji	45,390	48,843	48,140	58,180	67,542	10,859	13,685	15,398	18,238	15,543	17,694	18,271	16,034	5,817	5,888	3,838	7,448	7,044	3,202	6,619	5,166	6,486	3,682	5,499	6,853	3,200
United States of America	100,779	105,248	90,139	82,683	92,621	15,514	24,409	20,120	22,640	20,370	24,866	24,211	23,174	6,028	8,520	5,822	6,034	10,076	8,756	9,312	6,586	8,313	6,655	7,029	9,491	7,450
China, Peoples Republic of	62,549	69,325	93,819	103,716	107,063	32,046	23,900	24,138	23,632	31,739	21,724	31,850	21,750	9,904	11,657	10,177	4,629	10,311	6,784	10,903	5,583	15,364	5,676	8,944	7,130	8,065
Hong Kong	11,567	14,711	12,474	11,089	20,285	2,363	1,717	3,159	3,850	2,405	4,441	6,635	6,804	1,219	471	716	1,997	1,137	1,307	2,583	1,751	2,300	1,088	2,812	2,903	3,158
Indonesia	17,707	13,420	13,445	14,388	13,998	4,123	3,453	2,758	4,055	3,539	3,760	3,506	3,192	1,644	1,079	816	1,067	1,353	1,341	1,055	871	1,581	689	1,319	1,183	398
Japan	32,240	31,275	32,724	42,362	44,649	8,856	9,094	10,395	14,018	9,522	8,814	13,867	12,446	4,458	515	4,549	1,947	4,319	2,547	4,776	4,971	4,119	3,741	4,815	3,891	4,457
Malaysia	7,663	13,274	9,993	22,851	19,466	11,219	2,115	2,807	6,710	8,980	4,336	2,731	3,419	1,151	6,589	1,241	180	2,282	1,874	1,010	715	1,005	1,271	1,040	1,108	413
Philippines	1,616	2,404	848	788	2,282	293	140	166	189	102	561	592	1,027	47	56	-	-	561	0	42	291	258	556	106	366	3
Singapore	182,250	193,942	218,448	132,528	130,711	24,593	35,185	37,926	34,824	34,316	36,658	24,314	35,423	11,385	11,285	11,647	2,405	17,339	16,914	933	11,586	11,795	11,967	10,227	13,229	10,574
Thailand	11,701	19,974	20,249	19,355	24,274	4,929	3,025	6,005	5,396	5,502	4,628	7,575	6,569	2,133	1,490	1,879	1,701	2,541	385	2,771	2,752	2,052	2,217	3,064	1,288	2,047
India	1,065	3,364	2,975	1,080	3,161	400	120	209	351	866	417	977	900	662	99	106	145	131	141	246	179	552	445	71	384	328
Korea Democratic People's	825	1,713	2,505	1,607	3,996	689	226	519	172	959	1,102	1,732	204	532	-	427	73	711	317	492	931	309	61	98	45	704
Korea Republic of	1,919	2,289	1,845	830	1,437	268	292	64	205	523	363	119	433	229	123	171	89	160	113	82	2	34	2	72	358	1,665
Papua New Guinea	2,136	2,395	1,362	1,208	823	208	258	412	330	257	151	223	192	81	40	135	11	48	92	76	128	19	94	96	2	63
Tonga	528	954	1,143	643	2,248	169	96	149	229	206	1,876	53	112	103	4	99	2	1,749	125	0	53	0	64	24	24	4
Taiwan, Province of China	2,062	2,258	2,567	3,128	4,932	368	908	1,092	759	746	1,747	1,172	1,267	106	361	278	463	810	473	216	331	625	484	224	558	176
Viet Nam	3,018	1,774	2,222	5,890	4,560	248	559	3,036	2,047	1,194	1,183	871	1,312	511	193	489	121	627	434	-	338	533	611	507	194	218
Other countries	18,955	8,158	10,948	8,332	19,976	2,150	2,024	2,432	1,726	5,784	5,456	4,655	4,081	1,951	1,008	2,826	955	3,711	790	3,808	331	516	1,371	856	1,854	955
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>791,974</b>	<b>851,292</b>	<b>895,326</b>	<b>855,390</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>202,664</b>	<b>202,557</b>	<b>222,818</b>	<b>227,350</b>	<b>220,835</b>	<b>226,981</b>	<b>224,418</b>	<b>226,772</b>	<b>74,690</b>	<b>75,475</b>	<b>70,670</b>	<b>62,167</b>	<b>94,359</b>	<b>70,454</b>	<b>72,763</b>	<b>68,101</b>	<b>83,555</b>	<b>67,043</b>	<b>76,588</b>	<b>83,140</b>	<b>69,698</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.

"0" - insignificant value

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