



International Merchandise Trade

September 2024

Highlights of the month

September 2024 compared with August 2024

Merchandise Exports¹

- ❖ The total value of exports in September 2024 increased by 5.1 percent (or \$0.6 million) to \$11.4 million. This was due to the increases in the exports and re-exports of:
 - ❖ Optical fibers and cable products (up \$5.0 million)
 - ❖ Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products (up \$0.03 million)
 - ❖ Preparations of vegetables, fruit, and nuts products (up \$0.2 million)
 - ❖ Dairy products (up \$0.04 million)
- ❖ Exports to Oceania of \$9.2 million had the largest share of 80.8 percent of total exports in the period under review, increasing 78.2 percent compared to the previous month.
- ❖ Exports to Singapore of \$5.7 million (up \$1.7 million), New Zealand of \$1.9 million (up \$0.09 million) and Tokelau of \$1.1 million (up \$0.02 million) had the largest increases in September 2024, mainly due to higher exports of fiber optic cables, coconut oil and milk to name a few.

Merchandise Imports

- ❖ The total value of imports in September 2024 fell 24.2 percent (or \$31.2 million) to \$97.7 million. This was mainly driven by the decreases of:
 - ❖ Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products (down \$4.4 million)
 - ❖ Vehicles other than railway (down \$4.5 million)
 - ❖ Electrical machinery and equipment products (down \$7.2 million)
 - ❖ Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and products (down \$4.2 million)
- ❖ Imports from the Oceania region at \$46.8 million, recorded the largest decrease in September 2024 (down \$16.0 million), mainly due to the reduction in the imports of meat, wood and cereals from New Zealand, to name a few.
- ❖ Imports from New Zealand of \$25.7 million (down \$10.8 million), Singapore of \$24.9 million (down \$4.8 million), and Australia of \$11.1 million (down \$3.9 million) had the largest decreases in the reviewed month as a result of lower imports of petroleum products, vehicle and parts and food products such sugar, flour and chicken leg quarter, to name a few.

Trade Balance

- ❖ The total value of imports of \$97.7 million exceeded exports of \$11.4 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$86.3 million in September 2024. The trade deficit decreased by 26.9 percent and 16.7 percent when compared to its balance in the previous month and the same month last year respectively.

¹ Includes re-exports commodities



Fefa'ataua'iga o Oloa

Setema 2024

Oto'otoga o le Masina

Masina o Setema 2024 faatusa ia Aukuso 2024

'Oloa 'auina atu i fafo²

- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa auina atu i fafo i le masina o Setema 2024 na faamauina le siitia i le 5.1 pasene (poo le \$0.6 miliona) i le \$11.4 miliona. O lenei si'itaga na mafua mai i le siitia o oloa e pei o:
 - ❖ Masini mo auunaga tau telefoni (si'itia i le \$5.0 miliona)
 - ❖ Suāu'u (si'itia i le \$0.03 miliona)
 - ❖ Fua/i'o o laau 'aina (si'itia i le \$0.2 miliona)
 - ❖ Oloa gaosia mai i le susu (up \$0.04 miliona)
- ❖ O le itulagi o Oseania na faamauina e \$9.2 miliona le tau aofai o oloa na auina atu iai, e tusa o le 80.8 pasene o le tau aofa'i o oloa auina atu i fafo ma e 78.2 pasene na siitia ai faatusa i le masina ua mavae.
- ❖ O oloa auina atu i Sigapoa e \$5.7 miliona (si'itia i le \$1.7 miliona), Niu Sila e \$1.9 miliona (si'itia i le \$0.09 miliona) ma Tokelau e \$1.1 miliona (si'itia i le \$0.02 miliona) sa faamauina le tele o oloa na auina atu iai i le masina o Setema 2024, e pei o masini mo auunaga tau telefoni, suau'u popo, talo, susu ma isi oloa.

'Oloa 'auina mai

- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa auina mai fafo i le masina o Setema 2024 na faamauina le pa'ū maualalo i le 24.2 pasene (poo le \$31.2 miliona) i le \$97.7 miliona. O lenei pa'ū na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
 - ❖ Suāu'u (pa'ū i le \$4.4 miliona)
 - ❖ Taavale, vaega ma isi mea faaopopo (pa'ū i le \$4.5 miliona)
 - ❖ Masini tetele faaogaina ai le eletise ma isi mea faigaluega (pa'ū i le \$7.2 miliona)
 - ❖ Masini ma meafaigaluega mo galuega tetele (pa'ū i le \$4.2 miliona)
- ❖ O le itulagi o Oseania na faamauina e \$46.8 miliona le tau aofai o oloa auina mai ia Setema 2024 (pa'ū i le \$16.0 miliona) e pei o a'ano o manu fasi, oloa fai mai i saito/saga ma laupapa mai Niu Sila.
- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa auina mai i Niu Sila e \$25.7 miliona (pa'ū i le \$10.8 miliona), Sigapoa e \$24.9 miliona (pa'ū i le \$4.8 miliona) ma Ausetalia e \$11.1 miliona (pa'ū i le \$3.9 miliona) na faamauina le pa'ū maualalo i le masina Setema 2024. O nei oloa e aofia ai masini mo galuega tetele, oloa tau suāu'u, taavale ma ona vaega faapea meaa e pei o moa, susu ma isi oloa.

Paleni o Fefa'ataua'iga

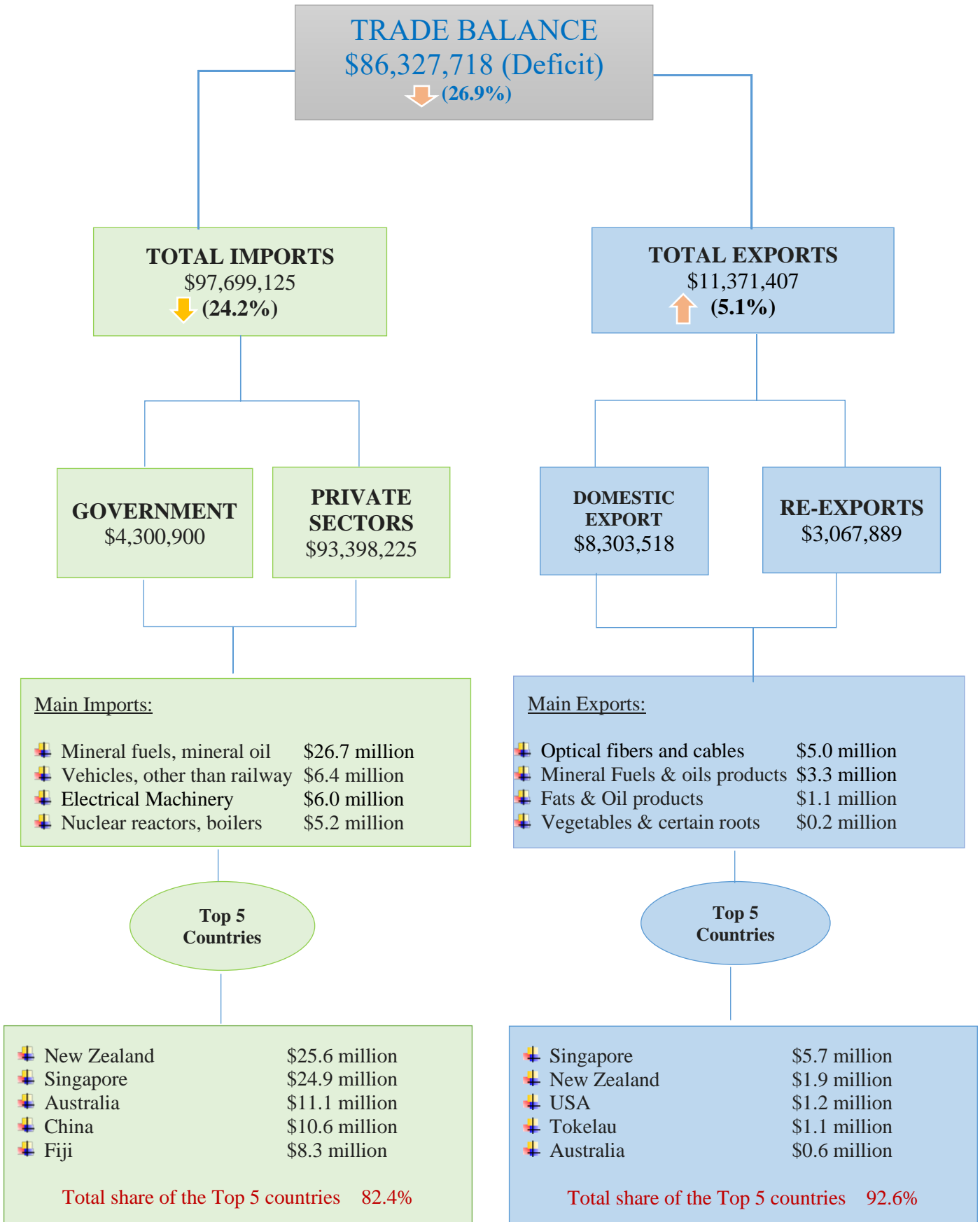
- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa auina mai fafo e \$97.7 milion, ao oloa auina atu i fafo e \$11.4 miliona, faamauina ai le eseese e \$86.3 miliona o le paleni o fefa'atauaiga o oloa ia Setema 2024. O lenei paleni na faamauina le pa'ū i le 26.9 pasene ma le 16.7 pasene pe'ā faatusa i le masina o Aukuso 2024 ma le masina o Setema 2023.

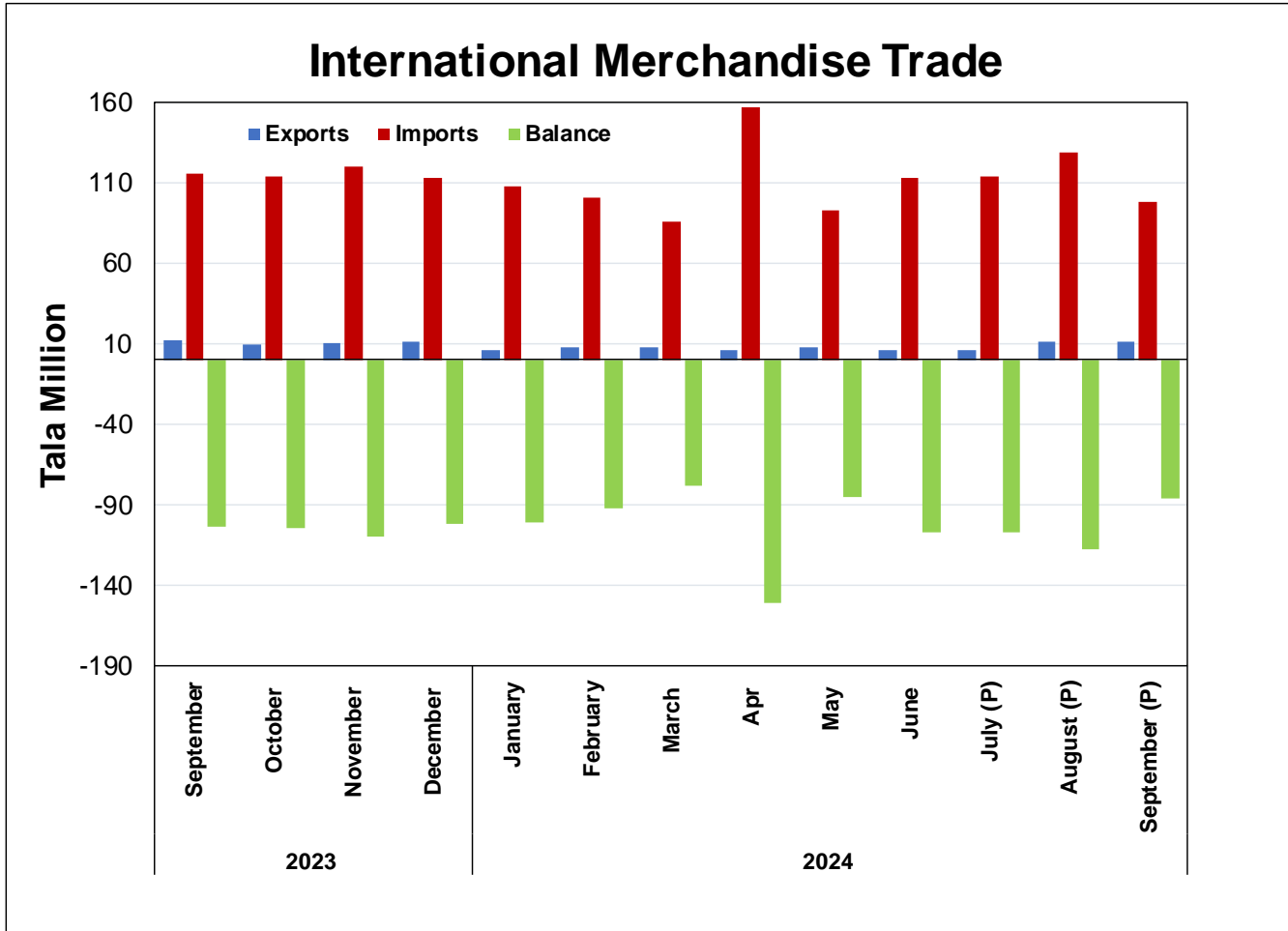
² Aofia ai ma oloa mai i fafo toe auina (faatau) atu I fafo



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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide users 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 of Customs and Revenue.

The October 2024 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on December 13th 2024.

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