



International Merchandise Trade

March 2026

Highlights of the month

March 2026 compared with February 2026

Merchandise Exports¹

- ❖ The total value of exports in March 2026 decreased by 27.9% (or \$2.0 million) to \$5.2 million. This decrease was caused by lower exports and re-exports in the following sections:
 - ❖ Machinery & mechanical and electrical appliances products (down \$1.2 million)
 - ❖ Animal or vegetable oils & fats products (down \$1.0 million)
 - ❖ Live animals & animal products (down \$0.1 million)
 - ❖ Vegetable products (down \$0.1 million)
- ❖ Exports to the USA, valued at \$0.1 million (a decrease of \$1.2 million), New Zealand at \$2.1 million (a decrease of \$0.9 million), and Tokelau at \$0.8 million (a decrease of \$0.3 million) recorded the largest decreases in March 2026. These decreases were mainly driven by lower exports of coconut oil, taro, beer, and apparatus wire, among others.
- ❖ As a result, exports to the American region (\$0.2 million) declined by \$1.2 million in comparison with the previous month, driven by lower coconut oil exports. In comparison with the same month last year, total exports to the American region were \$1.3 million lower.

Merchandise Imports

- ❖ The total value of imports increased by 7.0% (or \$7.1 million) to \$107.3 million in March 2026. This increase reflected higher imports in the following categories:
 - ❖ Machinery & mechanical & electrical products (up \$3.0 million)
 - ❖ Chemicals and allied products (up \$2.9 million)
 - ❖ Live animals & animal products (up \$2.7 million)
 - ❖ Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco (up \$1.3 million)
- ❖ Imports from New Zealand totaled \$29.4 million (an increase of \$8.8 million), China at \$13.5 million (an increase of \$5.3 million), Fiji at \$12.4 million (an increase of \$4.3 million), and the USA at \$7.8 million (an increase of \$2.3 million). These countries recorded the largest increases in the reviewed month. These were driven by higher imports of meat products such as chicken legs, flour, snack food, machinery and mechanical appliances, as well as pharmaceutical products, among other items.
- ❖ As a result, imports from the Oceania region totaled \$50.9 million in March 2026, recording the largest monthly increase by 33.1% (or \$12.7 million) when compared to the previous month.

Trade Balance

- ❖ In March 2026, the total imports of \$107.3 million were higher than the value of exports of \$5.2 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$102.1 million. This trade deficit was 9.7% higher than the previous month and 3.7% higher than the same month last year.

¹ Includes re-exports commodities

Fefa'ataua'iga o Oloa Mati 2026

Oto'otoga o le Masina

Masina Mati 2026 faatusa ia Fepuari 2026

'Oloa tu'uina atu i atunu'u i fafo²

- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa tuuina atu i atunuu i fafo i le masina o Mati 2026, na faaititia i le 27.9% (poo le \$2.0 miliona) i le \$5.2 miliona. O lenei pa'u na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
 - ❖ Masini tetele fa'aogaina ai le eletise ma isi mea faigaluega (pa'u i le \$1.2 miliona)
 - ❖ Oloa gaosia i ga'o o manu ma laau (pa'u i le \$1.0 miliona)
 - ❖ Manu ola ma 'aano o manu fasi (pa'u i le \$0.1 miliona)
 - ❖ Fua/i'o o laau 'aina (pa'u i le \$0.1 miliona)
- ❖ O oloa tuuina atu i USA e \$0.1 miliona le tau aofai (pa'u i le \$1.2 miliona), Niu Sila e \$2.1 miliona le tau aofai (pa'u i le \$0.9 miliona) ma Tokelau e \$0.8 miliona (pa'u i le \$0.3 miliona), na faamauina le pa'u maualalo i le masina o Mati 2026, mafua mai i le faaititia o oloa e pei o suauu popo, talo, 'ava malosi, uaea tau eletise ma isi.
- ❖ O oloa auina atu i le itulagi o Amerika e \$0.2 miliona lona tau aofai, sa faamauina le pa'u maualalo i le \$1.2 miliona pe'a faatusa i le masina ua mavae, mafua mai i oloa tau suauu popo na tuuina atu i Amerika. Pe a faatusa i le masina lava lenei i le tausaga ua mavae, e \$1.3 miliona na faaititia mai ai.

'Oloa 'auina mai i atunu'u i fafo

- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa na auina mai fafo i le masina o Mati 2026 na si'itia maualuga i le 7.0% (poo le \$7.1 miliona) i le \$107.3 miliona. O nei si'itaga na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
 - ❖ Masini tetele fa'aogaina ai le eletise ma isi mea faigaluega (si'itia i le \$3.0 miliona)
 - ❖ Vailaau ma isi oloa (si'itia i le \$2.9 miliona)
 - ❖ Manu ola ma 'aano o manu fasi (si'itia i le \$2.7 miliona)
 - ❖ Oloa gaosi, vai inu, ava malosi ma isi (si'itia i le \$1.3 miliona)
- ❖ O oloa auina mai i Niu Sila e \$29.4 miliona (si'itia i le \$8.8 miliona), Saina e \$13.5 miliona (si'itia i le \$5.3 miliona), Fiti e \$12.4 miliona (si'itia i le \$4.3 miliona) ma Amerika e \$7.8 miliona (si'itia i le \$2.3 miliona) sa faamauina le si'itia maualuga pe a faatusa i le masina ua mavae. O lenei si'itaga na afua mai i oloa tau meaai e pei o moa, falaoamata, saimini, uaea faaogaina ai le eletise faapea vailaau mo falema'i, ma isi oloa.
- ❖ O oloa na auina mai i le itulagi o Oseania e \$50.9 miliona lona tau aofai ia Mati 2026, na faamauina le si'itia maualuga i le 33.1% (poo le \$12.7 miliona) pe a faatusa i le masina ua mavae.

Paleni o Fefa'ataua'iga

- ❖ I le masina o Mati 2026, o le tau aofai o oloa na auina mai e \$107.3 miliona, faamauina lona sili atu i oloa na tuuina atu i fafo e \$5.2 miliona, faamauina ai le paleni o fefa'atauaiga o oloa i lona eseesega e \$102.1 miliona. O lenei paleni na faamauina le si'itia i le 9.7% ma le 3.7% pe'a faatusa i le masina ua tuana'i ma le masina o Mati i le tausaga ua mavae.

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



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TRADE BALANCE
\$102,069,022.00 (Deficit)
↑ (9.7%)

TOTAL IMPORTS
\$107,258,175.00
↑ (\$7.1 million)

TOTAL EXPORTS
\$5,189,153.00
↓ (\$2.0 million)

GOVERNMENT
\$4,647,712.00

PRIVATE SECTORS
\$102,610,463.00

DOMESTIC EXPORT
\$2,808,549.00

RE-EXPORTS
2,380,604.00

Main Imports for the month:

✚ Mineral products	\$27.1 million
✚ Meat & edible meat offal	\$7.4 million
✚ Nuclear reactors, boilers products	\$5.4 million
✚ Electrical machinery & equipment	\$5.2 million

Main Exports/Re-exports for the month:

✚ Mineral fuels products	\$2.4 million
✚ Electrical machinery and equipment	\$0.5 million
✚ Wood & articles of wood products	\$0.3 million
✚ Fruit and nuts, edible products	\$0.2 million

Top 5 Countries

✚ New Zealand	\$29.4 million
✚ Singapore	\$26.0 million
✚ China	\$13.5 million
✚ Fiji	\$12.4 million
✚ Australia	\$8.7 million

Total share of the Top 5 countries 83.8%

Top 5 Countries

✚ New Zealand	\$2.1 million
✚ Tokelau	\$0.8 million
✚ Australia	\$0.7 million
✚ American Samoa	\$0.4 million
✚ Singapore	\$0.3 million

Total share of the Top 5 countries 84.7%



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide users with more detailed information.

Technical Notes

The primary source of import and export data is the administrative document, the completed customs form (Single Administrative data - SAD). The form is required to be filled out by importers, exporters, or customs agents when clearing merchandise inward and outward through the Ministry of Customs and Revenue.

Definitions

Merchandise Exports

Includes both Exports and re-exports.

- **Exports** refer to goods that are produced, manufactured, or significantly transformed within Samoa and then shipped to other countries.
- **Re-exports** refer to goods that are previously imported into Samoa and then exported again without undergoing substantial transformation. These goods may be stored, repackaged, or redistributed before being sent to another country.

Introduction of New Tables

We are pleased to announce that, starting January 2026, new tables have been added to provide more detailed information and enhanced data accessibility. These tables have been added in response to user requests and complement the existing tables. These new tables include:

- Tables 2 & 6: Exports and Imports by broad groups/HS sections.
- Table 4 & 8: Major exports and by agricultural products and main imports and by NCD-related items.
- Tables 10 & 11: Combined presentation of exports and imports by country and by region, reflecting trade balances.

The April 2026 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on **June 15, 2026**.

