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International Merchandise Trade

September 2026

Highlights of the month

September 2026 compared with August 2026

Merchandise Exports[1]

- The total value of exports in September 2026 decreased by 9.7% (or $1.0 million) to $9.5 million. This decrease was mainly driven by lower exports and re-exports in the following categories:
  - Mineral products (down $1.2 million)
  - Machinery, mechanical & electrical appliances (down $0.4 million)
  - Vegetable products (down $0.2 million)
  - Plastic, rubber & articles products (down $0.06 million)

- The largest decreases in exports were recorded for China at $1.0 million (down $0.6 million), Fiji at $0.7 million (down $0.9 million), and Australia at $0.4 million (down $0.4 million). These declines were mainly driven by lower exports of ignition and other parts, beer, coconut oil, cocoa beans, and coconuts.

- As a result, exports to the Asian region totaled $2.8 million, representing a decline of $0.5 million compared to the previous month. However, in comparison to September 2025, total exports to the Asian region increased by $1.9 million.

Merchandise Imports

- The total value of imports in September 2026 decreased by 22.3% (or $31.9 million) to $111.1 million. This decrease was primarily driven by lower imports of:
  - Mineral products (down $33.1 million)
  - Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment (down $8.8 million)
  - Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco (down $4.5 million)
  - Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products (down $1.7 million)

- The largest decreases in imports in September 2026 were recorded from Singapore valued at $0.8 million (down $32.1 million), New Zealand at $34.3 million (down $1.8 million), and Fiji at $11.4 million (down $0.4 million). These decreases were primarily due to lower imports of petroleum, food products such as lamb and pork, rice, and electrical equipment, among others.

- Imports from the Asia region decreased by 47.0% compared to the previous month. Compared with September 2025, imports decreased by 37.2%.

Trade Balance

- The total value of imports of $111.1 million exceeded exports of $9.5 million, resulting in a trade deficit of $101.5 million in September 2026. The trade deficit decreased by 23.3% when compared to the previous month, and decreased by 21.9% compared with September 2025.

[1] Includes both exports and re-exports

Fefa'ataua'iga o Oloa
Setema 2026

Oto'otoga o le Masina
Masina Setema 2026 faatusa ia Aukuso 2026

'Oloa tu'uina atu i atunu'u i fafo[2]

- I le masina o Setema 2026, o le tau aofai o oloa tuuina atu i atunuu i fafo na faaitiitia i le 9.7% (poo le $1.0 miliona) i le $9.5 miliona. O lenei pa'ū na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
  - Suāu'u (pa'ū i le $1.2 miliona)
  - Masini tetele fa'aogaina ai le eletise ma isi mea faigaluega (pa'ū i le $0.4 miliona)
  - Fua/l'o o laau 'aina (pa'ū i le $0.2 miliona)
  - Oloa gaosi mai i ūga ma isi (pa'ū i le $0.06 miliona)

- O oloa tuuina atu Saina e $1.0 miliona (pa'ū i le $0.6 miliona), Fiti e $0.7 miliona le tau aofai (pa'ū i le $0.9 miliona) ma Ausetalia e $0.4 miliona le tau aofai (pa'ū i le $0.4 miliona) ma, na faamauina le pa'ū maualalo mafua mai i le faaitiitia o oloa e pei o suāu'u popo, 'ava malosi, koko, niu, uaea tau eletise ma isi.

- O oloa auina atu i le itulagi o Asia e $2.8 miliona le tau aofai, ua faaitiitia i le $0.5 milionape'ā faatusa i le masina ua mavae. Pe a faatusa i le masina lava lenei i le tausaga ua mavae, e $1.9 miliona na siitia ai.

'Oloa 'auina mai i atunu'u i fafo

- O le tau aofai o oloa na auina mai i totonu o Samoa i le masina o Setema 2026 na faaitiitia i le 22.3% (poo le $31.9 miliona), ma oo atu ai i le $111.1 miliona. O lenei pa'ū na mafua mai i oloa o loo i vaega ua taua i lalo:
  - Suāu'u (pa'ū i le $33.1 miliona)
  - Taavale, va'alele ma ona vaega eseese (pa'ū i le $8.8 miliona)
  - Oloa gaosi, vai inu, 'ava malosi ma isi (pa'ū i le $4.5 miliona)
  - Oloa tau ma'a, simā, tioata ma isi (pa'ū i le 1.7 miliona)

- O oloa auina mai i Sigapoa e $0.8 miliona (faaitiitia i le $32.1 miliona), Niu Sila e $34.3 miliona (faaitiitia i le $1.8 miliona) ma Fiti e $11.4 miliona (faaitiitia i le $0.4 miliona) sa faamauina le pa'ū maualalo i lenei masina. O lenei faaitiitia na afua mai i oloa e pei o suāu'u, oloa tau meaai e pei o mamoe, tapuvae puaa, alaisa, faapea ma uaea eletise ma isi oloa.

- O oloa mai le itulagi o Asia na fa'atiiitia i le 47.0% pe a faatusatusa i le masina ua mavae, ma faaitiitia i le 37.2% pe a faatusatusa i le masina lava lea e tasi i le tausaga talu ai.

Paleni o Fefa'ataua'iga

- O le tau aofai o oloa na auina mai i Samoa e $111.1 miliona faamauina le sili atu i oloa sa tuuina atu i atunuu i fafo e $9.5 miliona, faamauina ai le paleni o fefa'atauaiga o oloa i lona eseesega e $101.5 miliona. O lenei paleni na faamauina le faaitiitia i le 23.3% pe'ā faatusa i le masina ua tuana'i ma faaitiitia i le 21.9% pe'ā faatusa i le masina o Setema i le tausaga ua mavae.

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

International Merchandise Trade

September 2026

TRADE BALANCE
$101,547,149.00 (Deficit)
(22.3 %)

TOTAL IMPORTS
$111,055,730.00
($31.9 million)

TOTAL EXPORTS
$9,508,581.13
($1.0 million)

GOVERNMENT
$3,870,181.00

PRIVATE SECTOR
$107,185,549.00

DOMESTIC EXPORT
$3,872,904.13

RE-EXPORTS
$5,635,677.00

Main Imports for the month:

Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery	$16.6 million
Meat and edible meat offal	$10.7 million
Vehicles; other than railway	$7.9 million
Dairy produce; birds' eggs products	$6.0 million

Main Exports/Re-exports for the month:

Mineral fuels products	$5.7 million
Electrical machinery and equipment	$1.0 million
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	$0.6 million
Dairy produce, birds' eggs	$0.3 million

Top 5 Countries

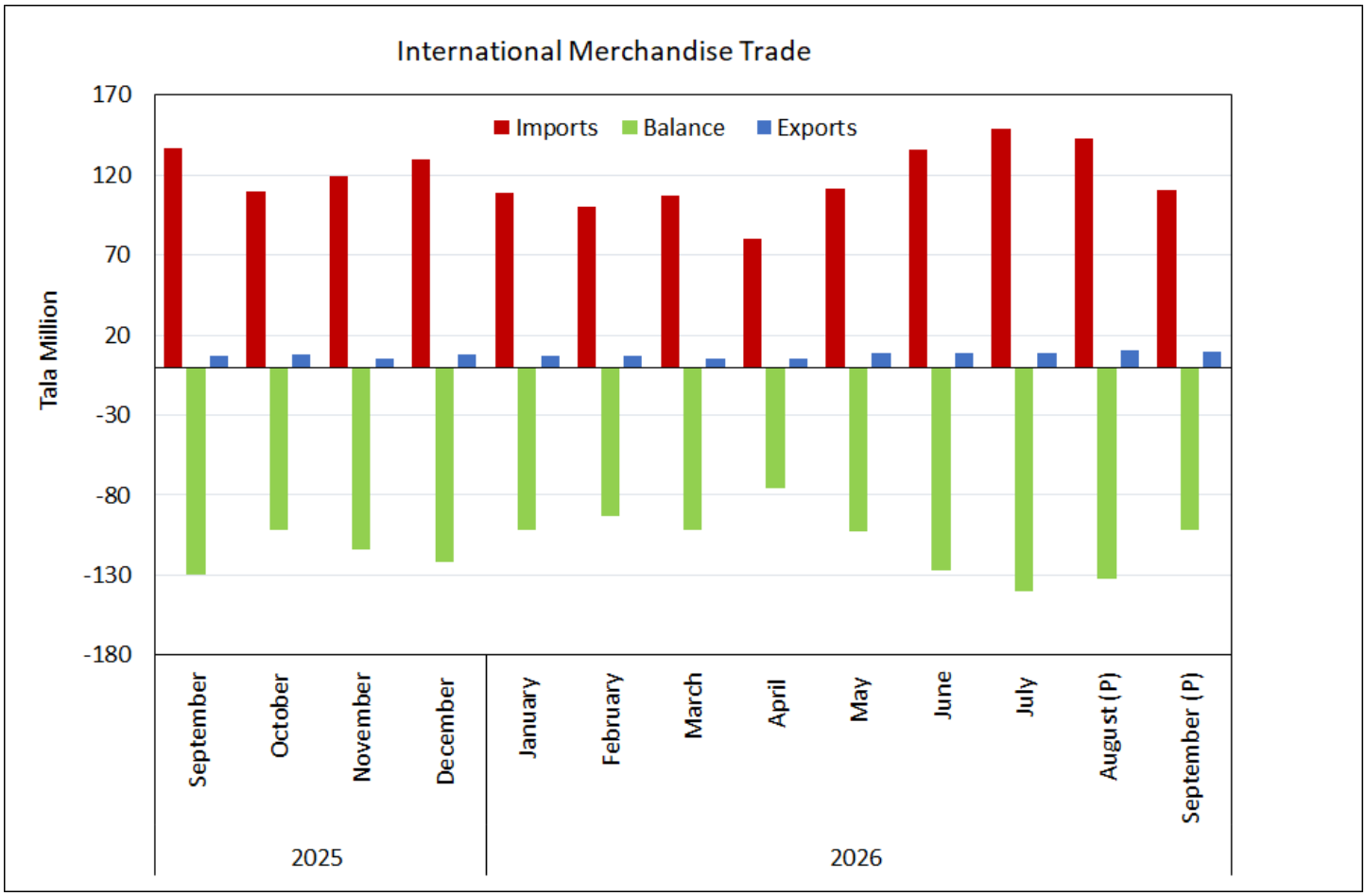
New Zealand	$34.3 million
China	$19.5 million
Australia	$15.1 million
Fiji	$11.4 million
USA	$10.5 million

Total share of the Top 5 countries 81.7%

Top 5 Countries

New Zealand	$3.0 million
Singapore	$1.6 million
Tokelau	$1.1 million
China	$1.0 million
Fiji	$0.7 million

Total share of the Top 5 countries 77.2%



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 customs document, the Single Administrative data (SAD). The form is required to be filled out by importers, exporters, or customs agents when clearing merchandise entering and leaving Samoa through the Ministry of Customs.

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 are subsequently exported without undergoing substantial transformation. These goods may be stored, repackaged, or redistributed before being sent to another country.

Introduction of New Tables

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 October 2026 Merchandise Trade Report is expected to be available on **December 14, 2026.**

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