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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### IMPORT PRICE INDEX – June 2018 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2009 quarter = 100.0)

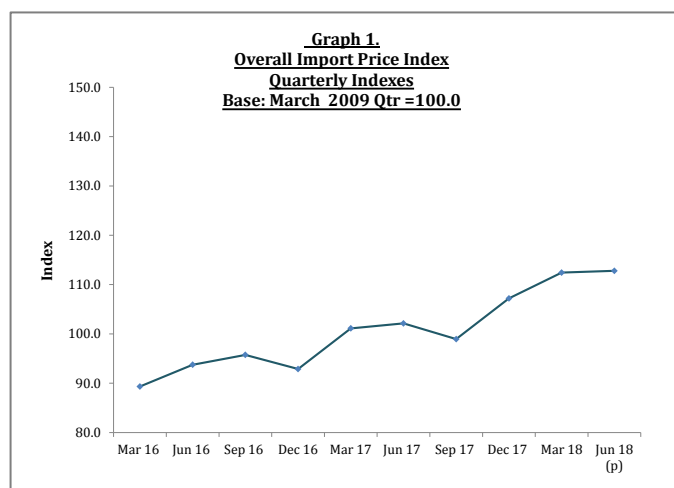
#### Highlights of the quarter

- Import Price Index increased 0.3 percent from the March 2018 quarter.
- Food and Beverage index recorded the largest increase (up 1.2 percent) from the March 2018 quarter.

#### Overview

The Import Price Index for the June 2018 quarter showed an overall increase of 0.3 percent from the March 2018 quarter. Food and Beverages index had the largest increase (up 1.2 percent). In comparison with the June 2017 quarter, the current import price index increased 10.4 percent.

The four quarters ending June 2018 showed a 10.1 percent increase in the overall import price index when compared with the four quarters ending June 2017 quarter. See table 1 and graph 1.

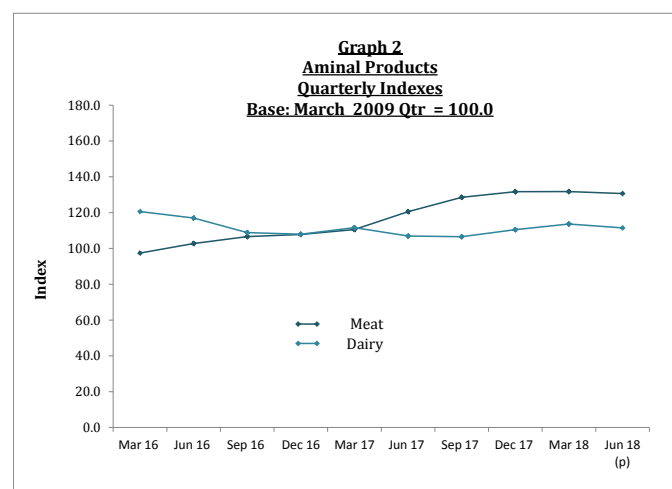


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#### **HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products prices fall 1.2%.**

Import prices for Live Animals and Animal products in the June 2018 quarter fell 1.2 percent from the previous quarter. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower prices of dairy products (down 1.9 percent) reflecting lower prices of liquid milk (down 3.6 percent) and powder milk (down 2.7 percent). Meat prices also decreased (down 0.9 percent). In comparison with the June 2017 quarter, the current live animals and animal products index increased 7.3 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending June 2018 over the four quarters ending June 2017, the current overall animals and animal products index increased 12.9 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 2.



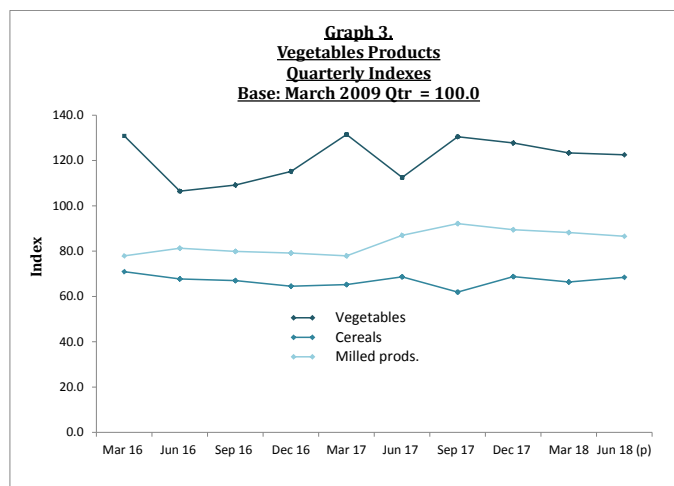
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#### **HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices fall 0.4%.**

Import prices for Vegetable Products fell 0.4 percent in the June 2018 quarter. The current fall was influenced by lower prices of milled

products (down 1.9 percent) and vegetables products (down 0.7 percent) which partly offset by a 3.1 percent increase in cereals prices. When compared with the June 2017 quarter, the current vegetable products index increased 1.6 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending June 2018 over the four quarters ending June 2017, the current overall vegetable products index increased 6.9 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3.

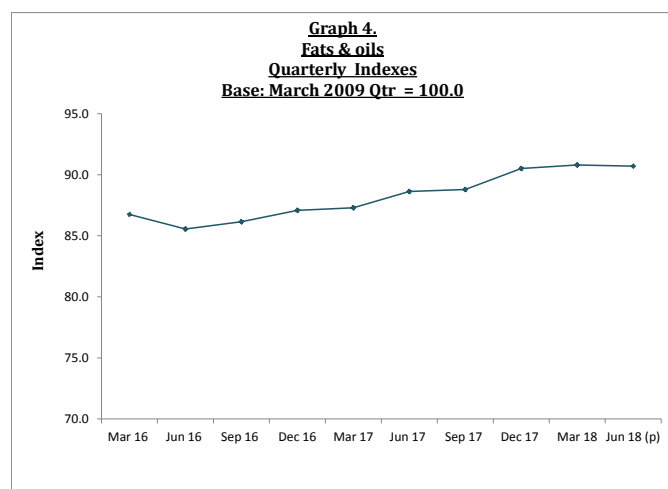


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### **HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices fall 0.1%.**

Animal or Vegetable fats & oils imports prices fell 0.1 percent in the June 2018 quarter. The fall over the previous quarter was driven by lower prices of margarine (down 2.1 percent) which was partly offset by the 1.9 percent increase in hydrogenated prices. When compared with the June 2017 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oils index increased 2.3 percent.

The four quarters ending June 2018 showed a 3.3 percent increase in the overall animal or vegetable fats and oils index over the four quarters ending June 2017. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4.

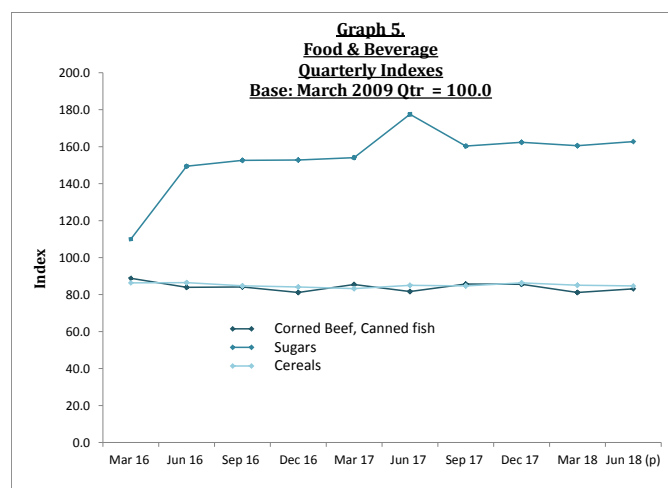


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### **HS Section 4: Food and Beverages prices rise 1.2%.**

In the June 2018 quarter, the import prices for Food and Beverages increased 1.2 percent from the previous quarter. The current increase was mainly driven by corned meat/canned fish and sugars reflecting higher prices of canned fish (up 4.8 percent) and sugar (up 1.4 percent). In comparison with the June 2017 quarter, the current food and beverages index decreased 2.9 percent.

When comparing the four quarters ending June 2018 with the four quarters ending June 2017, the current overall food and beverages index increased 1.1 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5.



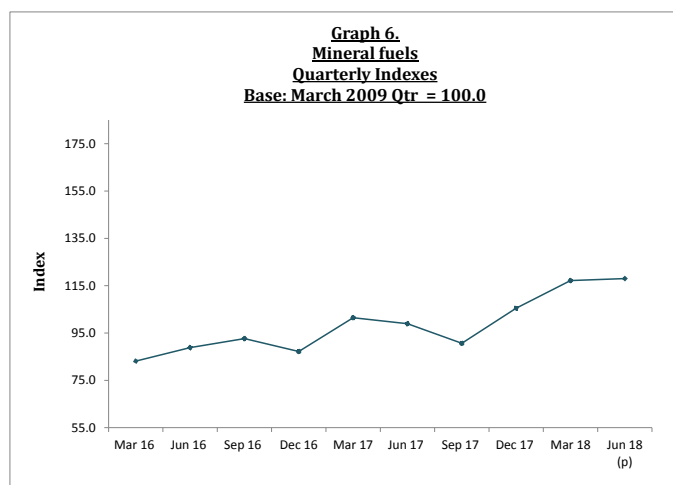
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### **HS Section 5: Mineral Products prices rise 0.7%.**

The import prices for mineral fuel products in the June 2018 quarter increased 0.7 percent from the March 2018 quarter. When compare

with the June 2017 quarter, the current mineral products index increased 19.3 percent.

The overall mineral products index in the four quarters ending June 2018 was 13.4 percent higher when compared with the four quarters ending June 2017. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 6.



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### **Technical Notes**

The Import Price Index (MPI) measures changes in the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) prices of imports of merchandise into Samoa. It is a fixed weight index with March 2009 quarter = 100.0 and is calculated on a quarterly basis using the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS). The items included in the index were selected on the basis of their importance to the total import.

The scope of the MPI relates to the following sections of the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS): 1. Live Animals: Animal Products, 2. Vegetable Products, 3. Animal or Vegetable fats and oils, 4. Food and Beverages and 5. Mineral Products. The index represents 50 percent of total Imports.

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The MPI report for September 2018 quarter is expected to be available on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

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Base: March 2009 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

| CODE | DESCRIPTION              | Weight | 2016   |        |        |        | 2017   |        |        |        | 2018   |            | % Change       |                 |
|------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
|      |                          |        | Mar 16 | Jun 16 | Sep 16 | Dec 16 | Mar 17 | Jun 17 | Sep 17 | Dec 17 | Mar 18 | Jun 18 (p) | Jun / Mar - 18 | Jun 18 / Jun 17 |
| I    | ANIMAL PRODUCTS          | 18.9   | 104.2  | 106.9  | 107.3  | 107.9  | 110.9  | 116.7  | 122.3  | 125.6  | 126.6  | 125.1      | -1.2           | 7.3             |
| 2    | Meat                     | 71.2   | 97.5   | 102.8  | 106.7  | 107.8  | 110.6  | 120.6  | 128.6  | 131.7  | 131.8  | 130.7      | -0.9           | 8.3             |
| 4    | Dairy                    | 28.8   | 120.6  | 117.0  | 108.9  | 107.9  | 111.6  | 106.9  | 106.6  | 110.5  | 113.7  | 111.5      | -1.9           | 4.3             |
| II.  | VEGETABLE PRODUCTS       | 9.7    | 84.7   | 81.2   | 80.8   | 80.6   | 83.0   | 85.5   | 89.1   | 89.4   | 87.2   | 86.9       | -0.4           | 1.6             |
| 7    | Vegetables               | 17.0   | 130.8  | 106.5  | 109.2  | 115.2  | 131.5  | 112.5  | 130.5  | 127.7  | 123.3  | 122.5      | -0.7           | 8.9             |
| 10   | Cereals                  | 31.7   | 71.0   | 67.7   | 67.0   | 64.5   | 65.2   | 68.7   | 62.0   | 68.8   | 66.4   | 68.4       | 3.1            | -0.4            |
| 11   | Milled prods.            | 51.3   | 78.0   | 81.2   | 79.9   | 79.1   | 77.9   | 87.0   | 92.1   | 89.4   | 88.2   | 86.5       | -1.9           | -0.5            |
| III. | FATS & OILS              | 1.9    | 86.7   | 85.6   | 86.2   | 87.1   | 87.3   | 88.6   | 88.8   | 90.5   | 90.8   | 90.7       | -0.1           | 2.3             |
| 15   | Fats & oils              | 100.0  | 86.7   | 85.6   | 86.2   | 87.1   | 87.3   | 88.6   | 88.8   | 90.5   | 90.8   | 90.7       | -0.1           | 2.3             |
| IV.  | FOOD & BEVERAGE          | 19.8   | 93.1   | 100.5  | 100.8  | 99.4   | 101.2  | 105.8  | 103.3  | 104.2  | 101.5  | 102.7      | 1.2            | -2.9            |
| 16   | Corned Beef, Canned fish | 43.6   | 88.9   | 83.9   | 84.2   | 81.3   | 85.4   | 81.7   | 85.7   | 85.6   | 81.2   | 83.1       | 2.4            | 1.7             |
| 17   | Sugars                   | 24.0   | 110.0  | 149.4  | 152.6  | 152.8  | 154.0  | 177.5  | 160.3  | 162.4  | 160.5  | 162.7      | 1.4            | -8.3            |
| 19   | Cereals                  | 32.4   | 86.3   | 86.5   | 84.7   | 84.1   | 83.3   | 85.0   | 84.7   | 86.3   | 85.1   | 84.7       | -0.5           | -0.4            |
| V.   | MINERAL PRODUCTS         | 49.6   | 83.2   | 88.8   | 92.6   | 87.2   | 101.4  | 98.9   | 90.6   | 105.5  | 117.2  | 118.0      | 0.7            | 19.3            |
| 27   | Mineral fuels            | 100    | 83.2   | 88.8   | 92.6   | 87.2   | 101.4  | 98.9   | 90.6   | 105.5  | 117.2  | 118.0      | 0.7            | 19.3            |
|      | Total, All groups        | 100    | 89.3   | 93.7   | 95.7   | 92.9   | 101.1  | 102.1  | 99.0   | 107.2  | 112.4  | 112.8      | 0.3            | 10.4            |

Sources: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

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**IMPORT PRICE INDEX**  
**Base: March 2009 Quarter = 100.0**

**Table 2**

|                                          |              | 2016         |              |              |              | 2017         |              |              |              | 2018         |              | %Change       |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                          | Weight       | Mar 2016     | Jun 2016     | Sep 2016     | Dec 2016     | Mar 2017     | Jun 2017     | Sep 2017     | Dec 2017     | Mar 2018     | Jun 2018     | Jun 18/Mar 18 |
| <b>I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| <b>02 Meat</b>                           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>97.5</b>  | <b>102.8</b> | <b>106.7</b> | <b>107.8</b> | <b>110.6</b> | <b>120.6</b> | <b>128.6</b> | <b>131.7</b> | <b>131.8</b> | <b>130.7</b> | <b>-0.9</b>   |
| 0204 Sheep                               | 33.7         | 155.7        | 156.7        | 164.8        | 174.4        | 182.5        | 198.7        | 209.0        | 212.9        | 224.6        | 221.4        | -1.4          |
| 0207 Poultry                             | 66.3         | 67.9         | 75.4         | 77.1         | 74.0         | 74.0         | 80.9         | 87.7         | 90.5         | 84.7         | 84.5         | -0.2          |
| <b>04 Dairy</b>                          | <b>100.0</b> | <b>120.6</b> | <b>117.0</b> | <b>108.9</b> | <b>107.9</b> | <b>111.6</b> | <b>106.9</b> | <b>106.6</b> | <b>110.5</b> | <b>113.7</b> | <b>111.5</b> | <b>-1.9</b>   |
| 0401 Milk                                | 42.0         | 107.2        | 98.6         | 93.9         | 91.1         | 93.6         | 92.9         | 92.6         | 95.2         | 100.2        | 96.6         | -3.6          |
| 0402 Milk, conc.                         | 17.9         | 129.0        | 120.7        | 120.8        | 122.3        | 127.1        | 122.8        | 131.2        | 124.9        | 128.7        | 125.2        | -2.7          |
| 0405 Butter                              | 24.1         | 83.0         | 85.3         | 90.2         | 90.1         | 96.4         | 96.5         | 100.9        | 96.0         | 99.0         | 98.2         | -0.8          |
| 0407 Eggs                                | 16.0         | 203.1        | 208.7        | 162.9        | 162.9        | 164.2        | 141.6        | 124.4        | 156.2        | 154.4        | 155.3        | 0.6           |
| <b>II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| <b>07 Vegetables</b>                     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>130.8</b> | <b>106.5</b> | <b>109.2</b> | <b>115.2</b> | <b>131.5</b> | <b>112.5</b> | <b>130.5</b> | <b>127.7</b> | <b>123.3</b> | <b>122.5</b> | <b>-0.7</b>   |
| 0701 Potatoes                            | 56.5         | 149.7        | 110.5        | 88.9         | 89.5         | 125.7        | 123.1        | 153.8        | 151.8        | 134.5        | 135.9        | 1.1           |
| 0703 Onions                              | 43.5         | 106.3        | 101.4        | 135.5        | 148.5        | 139.0        | 98.7         | 100.3        | 96.5         | 108.8        | 105.1        | -3.4          |
| <b>10 Cereals</b>                        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>71.0</b>  | <b>67.7</b>  | <b>67.0</b>  | <b>64.5</b>  | <b>65.2</b>  | <b>68.7</b>  | <b>62.0</b>  | <b>68.8</b>  | <b>66.4</b>  | <b>68.4</b>  | <b>3.1</b>    |
| 1006 Rice                                | 100.0        | 71.0         | 67.7         | 67.0         | 64.5         | 65.2         | 68.7         | 62.0         | 68.8         | 66.4         | 68.4         | 3.1           |
| <b>11 Milled prods.</b>                  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>78.0</b>  | <b>81.2</b>  | <b>79.9</b>  | <b>79.1</b>  | <b>77.9</b>  | <b>87.0</b>  | <b>92.1</b>  | <b>89.4</b>  | <b>88.2</b>  | <b>86.5</b>  | <b>-1.9</b>   |
| 1101 Wheat                               | 100.0        | 78.0         | 81.2         | 79.9         | 79.1         | 77.9         | 87.0         | 92.1         | 89.4         | 88.2         | 86.5         | -1.9          |
| <b>III. FATS &amp; OILS</b>              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| <b>15 Fats &amp; oils</b>                | <b>100.0</b> | <b>86.7</b>  | <b>85.6</b>  | <b>86.2</b>  | <b>87.1</b>  | <b>87.3</b>  | <b>88.6</b>  | <b>88.8</b>  | <b>90.5</b>  | <b>90.8</b>  | <b>90.7</b>  | <b>-0.1</b>   |
| 1507 Soya-bean                           | 27.7         | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 0.0           |
| 1516 Hydrogenated                        | 36.7         | 79.0         | 73.5         | 73.6         | 76.0         | 75.9         | 80.7         | 78.5         | 85.8         | 84.2         | 85.8         | 1.9           |
| 1517 Margarine                           | 35.7         | 84.4         | 86.7         | 88.3         | 88.5         | 89.1         | 87.9         | 90.6         | 88.0         | 90.4         | 88.5         | -2.1          |
| <b>IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES &amp; TOBACCO</b> |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| <b>16 Meat, fish</b>                     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>88.9</b>  | <b>83.9</b>  | <b>84.2</b>  | <b>81.3</b>  | <b>85.4</b>  | <b>81.7</b>  | <b>85.7</b>  | <b>85.6</b>  | <b>81.2</b>  | <b>83.1</b>  | <b>2.4</b>    |
| 1602 Corned Beef                         | 31.0         | 108.3        | 116.5        | 118.1        | 118.1        | 119.7        | 113.6        | 117.2        | 113.0        | 113.4        | 112.6        | -0.7          |
| 1604 Canned fish                         | 69.0         | 80.1         | 69.3         | 68.9         | 64.8         | 70.1         | 67.4         | 71.6         | 73.3         | 66.7         | 69.8         | 4.8           |
| <b>17 Sugars</b>                         | <b>100.0</b> | <b>110.0</b> | <b>149.4</b> | <b>152.6</b> | <b>152.8</b> | <b>154.0</b> | <b>177.5</b> | <b>160.3</b> | <b>162.4</b> | <b>160.5</b> | <b>162.7</b> | <b>1.4</b>    |
| 1701 Cane, beet                          | 100.0        | 110.0        | 149.4        | 152.6        | 152.8        | 154.0        | 177.5        | 160.3        | 162.4        | 160.5        | 162.7        | 1.4           |
| <b>19 Cereals</b>                        | <b>100.0</b> | <b>86.3</b>  | <b>86.5</b>  | <b>84.7</b>  | <b>84.1</b>  | <b>83.3</b>  | <b>85.0</b>  | <b>84.7</b>  | <b>86.3</b>  | <b>85.1</b>  | <b>84.7</b>  | <b>-0.5</b>   |
| 1902 Pasta                               | 56.0         | 86.8         | 86.1         | 83.2         | 82.0         | 82.0         | 82.6         | 79.0         | 82.0         | 80.1         | 79.7         | -0.4          |
| 1905 Bread                               | 44.0         | 85.8         | 86.9         | 86.7         | 86.9         | 84.9         | 88.0         | 91.9         | 91.8         | 91.5         | 90.9         | -0.6          |
| <b>V. MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>               |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| <b>27 Mineral fuels</b>                  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>83.2</b>  | <b>88.8</b>  | <b>92.6</b>  | <b>87.2</b>  | <b>101.4</b> | <b>98.9</b>  | <b>90.6</b>  | <b>105.5</b> | <b>117.2</b> | <b>118.0</b> | <b>0.7</b>    |
| 2710 Petroleum oils                      | 100.0        | 83.2         | 88.8         | 92.6         | 87.2         | 101.4        | 98.9         | 90.6         | 105.5        | 117.2        | 118.0        | 0.7           |

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