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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### IMPORT PRICE INDEX - September 2019 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2009 quarter = 100.0)

#### Highlights of the quarter

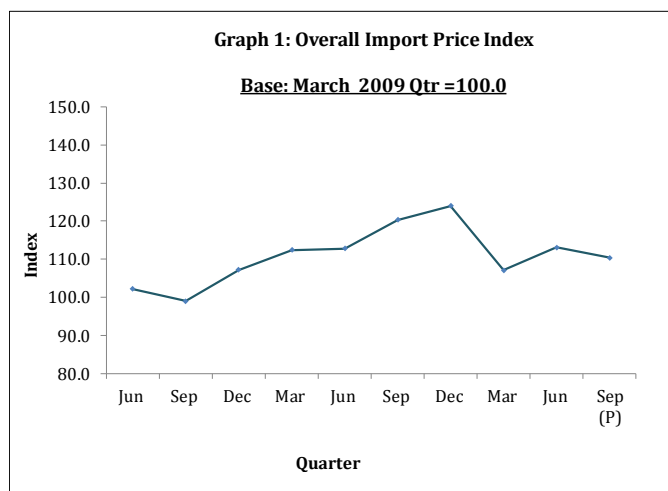
(September 2019 quarter compared with the June 2019 quarter)

- Import Price Index fell 2.4 percent from the June 2019 quarter.
- Mineral Products Index recorded the largest decrease (down 6.5 percent).
- Food and Beverages Index had the largest increase (up 5.7 percent)

#### Overview

The Import Price Index for the September 2019 quarter showed an overall decrease of 2.4 percent from the June 2019 quarter. The decrease was mainly driven by a 6.5 percent decrease in mineral products index but partly offset by a 5.7 percent increase in food and beverages index. In comparison with the September 2018 quarter, the current import price index fell 8.2 percent.

The four quarters ending September 2019 showed a 0.4 percent increase in the overall import price index over the four quarters ending September 2018 quarter. See table 1 and graph 1.

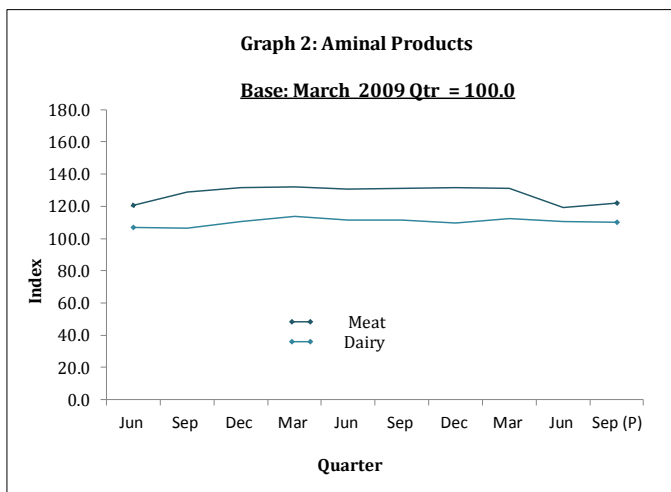


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

#### **HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products prices rise 1.4%.**

Import prices for Live Animal Products in the September 2019 quarter rose 1.4 percent, following the 7 percent fall in the June 2019 quarter. The current increase was led by higher prices of meat products, reflecting higher prices of poultry meats (up 7.4 percent). In comparison with the September 2018 quarter, the current live animals and animal products index decrease 5.6 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending September 2019 over the four quarters ending September 2018, the current overall live animals and animal products index decreased 3.3 percent. See tables 1 and 2 and graph 2.

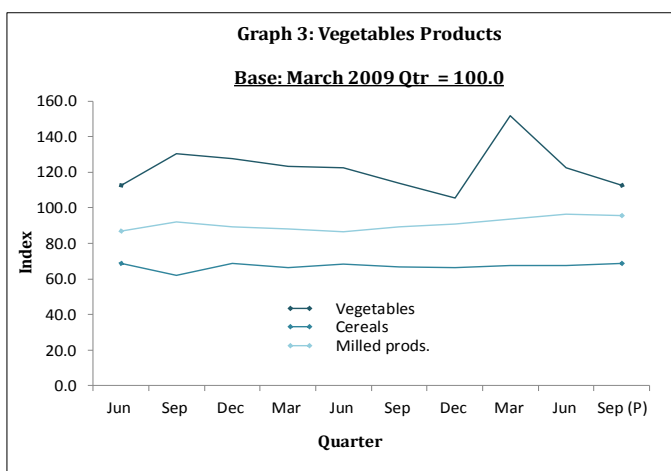


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices fall 1.8%.**

Import Prices for Vegetables Products in the September 2019 quarter fell 1.8 percent from the June 2019 quarter. The current fall was mainly influenced by lower prices of vegetables (down 8.0 percent) reflecting lower prices of potatoes (down 8.8 percent) and onions (down 7.1 percent). In comparison with September quarter 2018, the current vegetable products index increased 4.3 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending September 2019 over the four quarters ending September 2018, the current overall vegetable products index increased 3.6 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3.



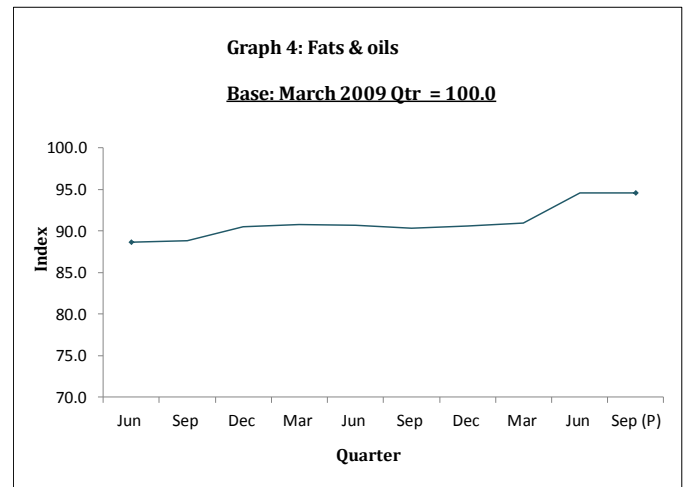
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**HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices fall 0.1%.**

Animals or Vegetable fats and oils import prices fell 0.1 percent in the September 2019 quarter, following a 4.1 percent rise in the June 2019 quarter. The current fall was influenced by lower prices of margarine (down 0.4 percent). When

compare with the September 2018 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oils index increased 4.6 percent.

The four quarters ending September 2019 showed a 2.3 percent increase in the overall animal or vegetable fats and oils index over the four quarters ending September 2018. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4.

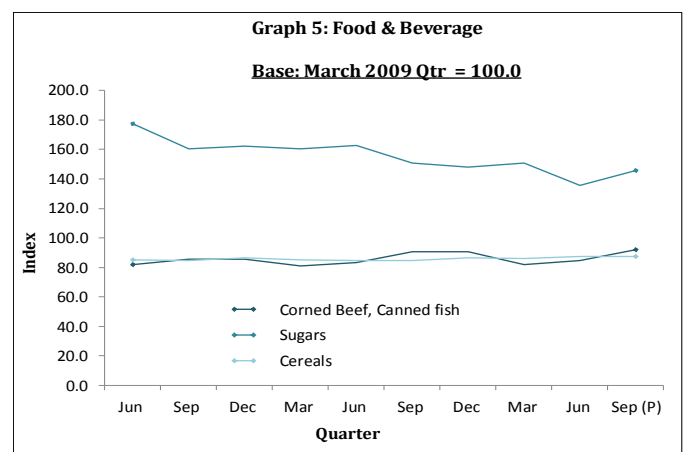


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**HS Section 4: Food and Beverages prices rise 5.7%.**

In the September 2019 quarter, the Food and Beverages import prices rose 5.7 percent from the previous quarter. The current rise was mainly driven by higher prices of canned fish (up 14.3 percent) and sugar (up 7.3 percent). In comparison with the September 2018 quarter, the current food and beverages index increased 0.1 percent.

When comparing the four quarters ending September 2019 over the four quarters ending September 2018, the overall food and beverages index decreased 1.9 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5.

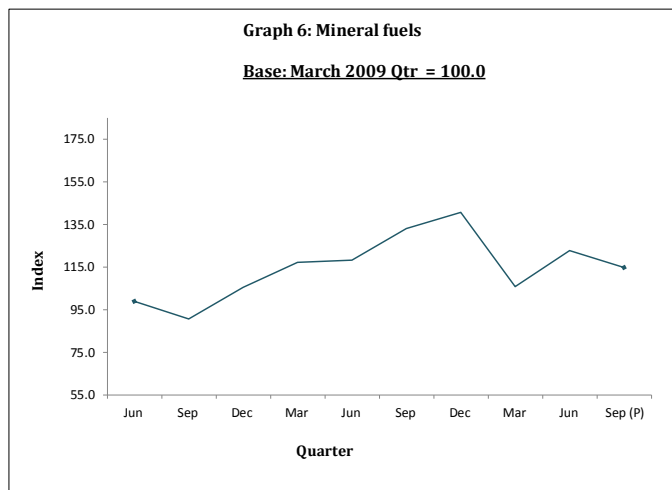


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## **HS Section 5: Mineral Products price fall 6.5%.**

Import Price for Mineral Products fell 6.5 percent in the September 2019 quarter, following the 15.9 percent rise in the June 2019 quarter. In comparison with the September 2018 quarter, the current mineral products index decreased 13.7 percent.

The overall mineral products index in the four quarters ending September 2019 was 2.1 percent higher than the four quarters ending September 2018. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 6.



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## **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 December 2019 quarter MPI report is expected to be available on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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## IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: March 2009 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight	2017			2018				2019			% Change	
			Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep (P)	Sep 19 / Jun 19	Sep19 / Sep 18
<b>I</b>	<b>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
2	Meat	71.2	120.6	128.6	131.7	131.8	130.7	131.3	131.6	131.1	119.4	122.0	2.1	-7.1
4	Dairy	28.8	106.9	106.6	110.5	113.7	111.5	111.3	109.4	112.3	110.5	110.1	-0.3	-1.0
<b>II.</b>	<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>
7	Vegetables	17.0	112.5	130.5	127.7	123.3	122.5	113.7	105.4	151.9	122.4	112.6	-8.0	-1.0
10	Cereals	31.7	68.7	62.0	68.8	66.4	68.4	66.7	66.4	67.3	67.5	68.7	1.7	3.0
11	Milled prods.	51.3	87.0	92.1	89.4	88.2	86.5	89.2	91.0	93.5	96.3	95.7	-0.6	7.2
<b>III.</b>	<b>FATS &amp; OILS</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>
15	Fats & oils	100.0	88.6	88.8	90.5	90.8	90.7	90.4	90.6	90.9	94.6	94.6	-0.1	4.6
<b>IV.</b>	<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>
16	Corned Beef, Canned fish	43.6	81.7	85.7	85.6	81.2	83.1	90.8	90.5	81.7	84.5	91.9	8.7	1.3
17	Sugars	24.0	177.5	160.3	162.4	160.5	162.7	150.7	147.9	151.0	135.6	145.5	7.3	-3.4
19	Cereals	32.4	85.0	84.7	86.3	85.1	84.7	84.8	86.7	85.9	87.4	87.4	0.0	3.1
<b>V.</b>	<b>MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>114.6</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-13.7</b>
27	Mineral fuels	100	98.9	90.6	105.5	117.2	118.0	132.9	140.6	105.8	122.6	114.6	-6.5	-13.7
	<b>Total, All groups</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>120.3</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>110.4</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-8.2</b>

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

Table 2

	2017			2018				2019			% Change
	Jun 2017	Sep 2017	Dec 2017	Mar 2018	Jun 2018	Sep 2018	Dec 2018	Mar 2019	Jun 2019	Sep 2019	Sep 19 / Jun 19
<b>I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>											
<b>02 Meat</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>131.6</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
0204 Sheep	198.7	209.0	212.9	224.6	221.4	220.6	227.3	237.0	211.4	208.3	-1.5
0207 Poultry	80.9	87.7	90.5	84.7	84.5	85.9	82.9	77.3	72.7	78.1	7.4
<b>04 Dairy</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>113.7</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>109.4</b>	<b>112.3</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
0401 Milk	92.9	92.6	95.2	100.2	96.6	96.7	93.7	95.9	95.4	94.3	-1.2
0402 Milk, conc.	122.8	131.2	124.9	128.7	125.2	125.1	123.2	127.4	124.1	122.9	-1.0
0405 Butter	96.5	100.9	96.0	99.0	98.2	96.1	94.6	97.9	104.8	104.8	-0.1
0407 Eggs	141.6	124.4	156.2	154.4	155.3	156.8	157.7	160.1	143.5	145.5	1.4
<b>II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>											
<b>07 Vegetables</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>113.7</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>151.9</b>	<b>122.4</b>	<b>112.6</b>	<b>-8.0</b>
0701 Potatoes	123.1	153.8	151.8	134.5	135.9	131.1	101.6	158.6	119.4	108.9	-8.8
0703 Onions	98.7	100.3	96.5	108.8	105.1	91.2	110.4	143.1	126.4	117.4	-7.1
<b>10 Cereals</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>
1006 Rice	68.7	62.0	68.8	66.4	68.4	66.7	66.4	67.3	67.5	68.7	1.7
<b>11 Milled prods.</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
1101 Wheat	87.0	92.1	89.4	88.2	86.5	89.2	91.0	93.5	96.3	95.7	-0.6
<b>III. FATS &amp; OILS</b>											
<b>15 Fats &amp; oils</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
1507 Soya-bean	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
1516 Hydrogenated	80.7	78.5	85.8	84.2	85.8	86.1	87.8	86.7	87.0	87.2	0.3
1517 Margarine	87.9	90.6	88.0	90.4	88.5	87.3	86.2	88.2	98.3	97.9	-0.4
<b>IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES&amp; TOBACCO</b>											
<b>16 Meat, fish</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>8.7</b>
1602 Corned Beef	113.6	117.2	113.0	113.4	112.6	120.7	112.6	105.8	108.9	109.2	0.3
1604 Canned fish	67.4	71.6	73.3	66.7	69.8	77.3	80.6	70.8	73.6	84.1	14.3
<b>17 Sugars</b>	<b>177.5</b>	<b>160.3</b>	<b>162.4</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>150.7</b>	<b>147.9</b>	<b>151.0</b>	<b>135.6</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>
1701 Cane, beet	177.5	160.3	162.4	160.5	162.7	150.7	147.9	151.0	135.6	145.5	7.3
<b>19 Cereals</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
1902 Pasta	82.6	79.0	82.0	80.1	79.7	79.8	83.0	80.4	80.8	80.9	0.2
1905 Bread	88.0	91.9	91.8	91.5	90.9	91.2	91.4	93.0	95.8	95.6	-0.2
<b>V. MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>											
<b>27 Mineral fuels</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>114.6</b>	<b>-6.5</b>
2710 Petroleum oils	98.9	90.6	105.5	117.2	118.0	132.9	140.6	105.8	122.6	114.6	-6.5

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

(P) Provisional figures