



## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### OVERSEAS MERCHANDISE TRADE

December 2019 quarter

#### Highlights of the quarter

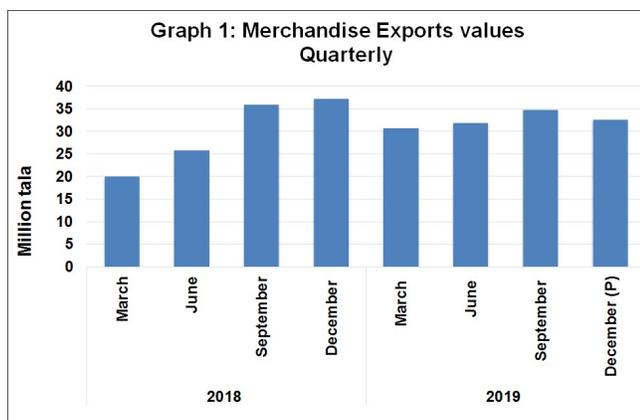
(December 2019 quarter compared with September 2019 quarter)

- Total merchandise exports decreased 6.4 percent to \$32.6 million.
- Total merchandise imports increased 18.1 percent to \$297.2 million.
- There was a trade deficit of \$264.6 million.

#### Overview

##### Value of Merchandise Exports

In the December 2019 quarter, the total value of merchandise exports were valued at \$32.6 million. This value was 6.4 percent lower than the previous quarter. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower value of fish, taro and coconut oil export products. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of exports decreased 12.5 percent. (See Graph 1 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2019 showed a 9.1 percent increase in the total value of merchandise exports when compared with the four quarters ending December 2018.

#### Exports of Main Commodities

In the December 2019 quarter, **fish, crustaceans and molluscs** exports became the top commodities exported, representing 38.9 percent (\$12.7 million) of total exports value. This value was 17.9 percent lower than the previous quarter but 61.5 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

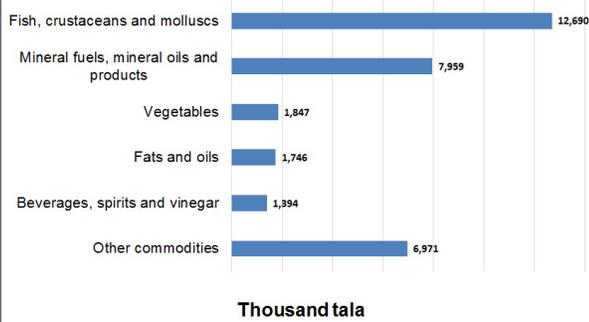
**Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products** exports followed with a total value of \$7.9 million, contributing a 24.4 percent share to total merchandise exports value. This value was 16.4 percent and 14.5 percent lower than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

**Vegetable exports** came third with its total merchandise export value decreasing to \$1.8 million from \$2.3 million in the previous quarter, accounting for 5.7 percent of total exports value. The current decrease was mainly driven by decreased taro export products to American Samoa. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of vegetable product exports decreased 14.3 percent.

**Fats and oils exports** went up threefold (to \$1.7 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.4 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of fats and oils export increased more than two times (219 percent).

**Beverages, spirits and vinegar exports** decreased 2.1 percent (to \$1.4 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 4.3 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of beverage, spirit and vinegar decreased 36.9 percent. All **'other commodities exports'** accounted for less than a 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise exports value with a combined total of \$6.9 million. (See Graph 2 and table 2.)

**Graph 2. Export of Main Commodities  
December 2019 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Merchandise Exports by Region**

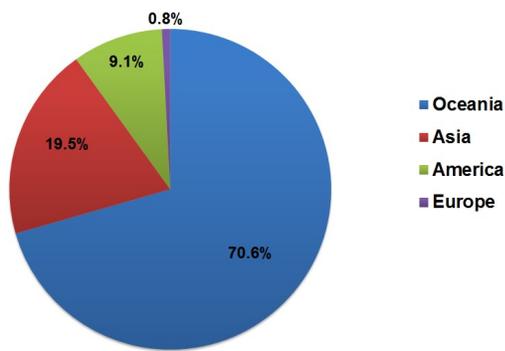
In the December 2019 quarter, **Oceania** again dominated the merchandise exports value with a 71.0 percent share; decreasing 8.3 percent from the previous quarter and 17.2 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Second on the regional standing was **Asia** with a total share of 20.0 percent, decreasing 7.3 percent from the previous quarter but 0.1 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

The third major export destination was **America** with a total share of 9.1 percent, increasing 11.4 percent from the previous quarter and 2.0 percent from the same quarter of 2018.

**Europe** recorded a total share of 0.8 percent, increasing 16.4 percent from the previous quarter and 26.0 percent from the same quarter of 2018 while exports to Africa had the least share (0.02 percent). (See Graph 3 and Table 4).

**Graph 3: Merchandise Exports by Region  
December 2019 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination**

**American Samoa** remained the leading country of destination for merchandise exports in the December 2019 quarter, accounting for 34.0 percent (\$11.1 million) of total merchandise exports value. This value was 15.5 percent lower than the previous quarter but 35.2 percent higher than the same quarter of 2018.

**New Zealand** accounted for 15.0 percent (\$4.9 million) of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 12.7 percent from the previous quarter and 28.1 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Tokelau** represented 10.0 percent (\$3.2 million) of the total merchandise export value, increasing 25.1 percent from the previous quarter but down by 53.6 percent when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

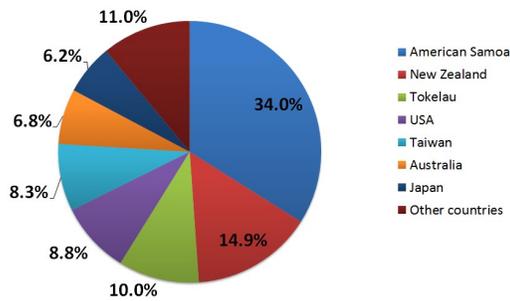
**USA** recorded 8.8 percent (\$2.8 million) share of total merchandise exports value, increasing 12.2 percent and 2.9 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

**Taiwan** represented 8.3 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 4.6 percent from the previous quarter and 2.0 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Australia** represented 6.8 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 4.9 percent from the previous quarter and 52.0 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Japan** recorded 6.2 percent (\$2.0 million) share of total merchandise exports value. While all 'other countries' of destination accounted for less than a 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise exports values but a combined total share of 11.0 percent. (See Graph 4 and Table 4).

**Graph 4: Merchandise Exports by Countries of Destination  
December 2019 Quarter**

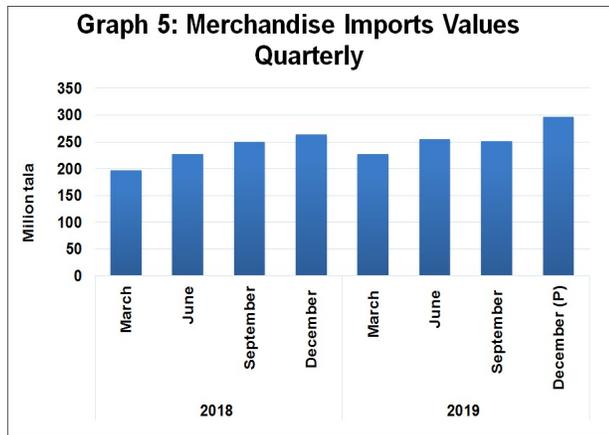


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Value of Merchandise Imports**

In the December 2019 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$297.2 million. This value was 18.1 percent and 12.3 percent higher than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively. The current increase was mainly

driven by large increase in the merchandise import value of petroleum, vehicles and electrical machinery (See Graph 5 and Table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2019 showed a 9.8 percent increase in the total value of merchandise imports when compared with the four quarters ending December 2018.

### Imports of Main Commodities

**Mineral fuel, mineral oils and products** remained the top commodity group imported in the December 2019, valued at \$52.9 million (17.8 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 16.3 percent and 20.4 percent higher than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

**Vehicles, parts and accessories** followed with a total merchandise import value of \$26.4 million, increasing 26.7 percent and 25.4 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

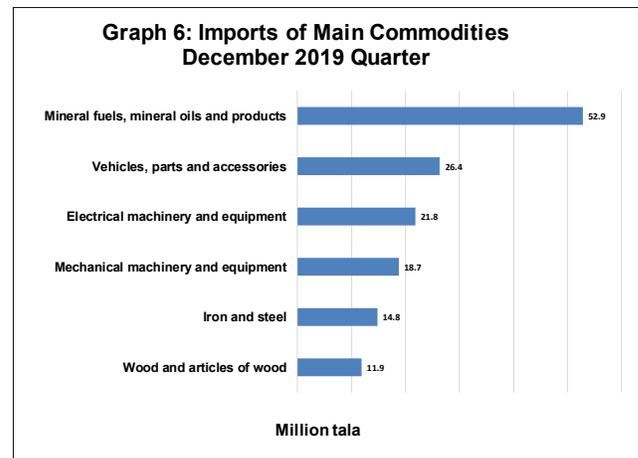
**Electrical machinery and equipment** imports reported a total value of \$21.8 million (7.3 percent of total merchandise import value), increasing 82.5 percent from the previous quarter and 69.1 percent when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Meat and edible meat offal** imports registered a total value of \$20.8 million (7.0 percent of total merchandise import value), increasing 3.5 percent and 4.1 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Imports of **mechanical machinery and equipment** were valued at \$18.7 million (6.3 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 17.2 percent lower than the previous quarter but 51.8 percent higher when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Iron and steel imports** had a total value of \$14.8 million (5.0 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 21.6 percent from the previous quarter and 4.8 percent when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Wood and articles of wood** imports reported a total value of \$11.9 million (4.0 percent of total merchandise import value), increasing 45.9 percent and 10.6 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively. (See Graph 6 and Table 5).



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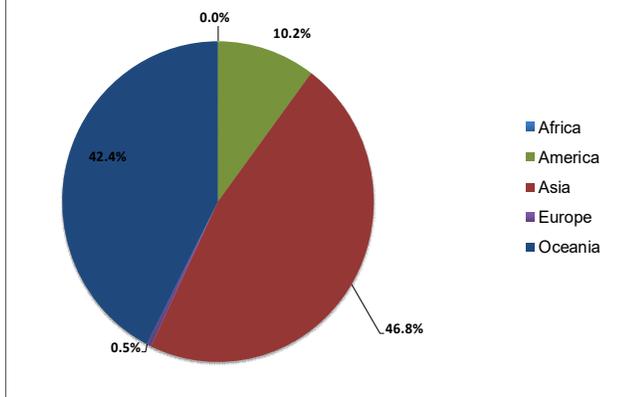
### Merchandise Imports by Region

In the December 2019 quarter, the **Asia** region recorded the largest share of total merchandise imports value with 46.8 percent, increasing 19.5 percent from the previous quarter and 11.7 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Oceania** recorded a total share of 42.4 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 16.9 percent and 14.8 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

**America** had a total share of 10.2 percent; **Europe** represented 0.5 percent while **Africa** reported the lowest share with 0.002 percent. (See graph 7 and Table 8).

**Graph 7: Merchandise Imports by Region  
December 2019 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Merchandise Imports by major source markets**

**New Zealand** continued as the leading source market for merchandise imports in the December 2019 quarter, accounting for 25.6 percent (\$76.2 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 13.8 percent and 10.4 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

**Singapore** accounted for 17.1 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 10.6 percent from the previous quarter and 21.0 percent higher when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

**China** accounted for 10.6 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 68.6 percent and 4.5 percent from the previous quarter and when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

**USA** represented 9.9 percent of the total merchandise imports value, increasing 22.9 percent and 4.2 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

**Australia** recorded 8.6 percent of total merchandise import value, increasing 14.0 percent and 8.7 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018.

**Fiji** accounted for 7.2 percent of total merchandise import value, increasing 28.3 percent from the previous quarter and 37.2 percent when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

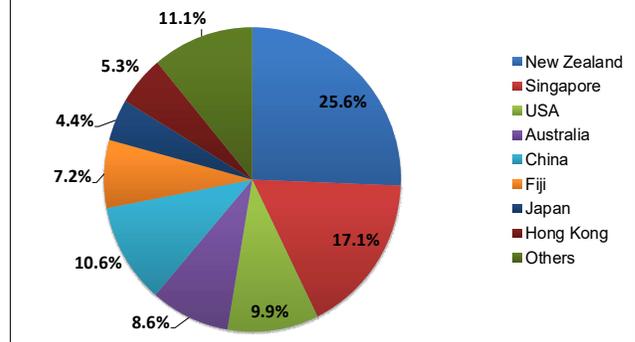
**Hong Kong** increased 45.9 percent from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.3 percent of total merchandise imports value. When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of imports from Hong Kong decreased 5.0 percent.

Imports from **Japan** recorded a 4.4 percent share of total merchandise import value, increasing 8.8 percent and 21.6 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Imports from **Thailand** accounted for 3.2 percent while all other countries accounted for less than a

3.0 percent share each of total merchandise imports value and had a combined share of 11.1 percent (See graph 8 and Table 8).

**Graph 8: Merchandise Imports by Source Markets  
December 2019 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Merchandise Trade Balance**

In the December 2019 quarter, the total value of merchandise imports (\$297.2 million) exceeded that of merchandise exports (\$32.6 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$264.6 million. (See Graph 9 and Table 1).

**Graph 9: Merchandise Trade Balance  
Quarterly**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The March 2020 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2020



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### **Technical Notes**

The main source of imports and exports data comes from the administrative document, a completed customs form (Single Administrative data) required to be filled in by importers and exporters or customs agents when clearing merchandise inward and outward through the Ministry for Revenue (Custom Department)

### **Definitions**

December 2019 quarter: (October, November, December 2019)

Capital goods: are produced assets that are used repeatedly or continuously, for longer than one year, in industrial production processes. Examples are machinery, trucks, and aircraft.

cif: is the cost of goods, including insurance and freight to Samoa.

Consumption goods: are goods used (without further transformation in industrial production processes) by households, government, or non-profit institutions serving households.

Exports (domestic): are goods of domestic origin exported from Samoa to another country. Exports in this release are valued fob and are shown in Samoan tala.

fob: is free on board (the value of goods at Samoa ports before export).

Imports: are goods imported into Samoa. Imports in this release are valued at cif and are shown in Samoan tala.

Intermediate goods: are goods used up, or transformed in, industrial production processes.

Merchandise trade: covers exports or imports of goods that alter the nation's stock of material resources.

Provisional: statistics for the latest three months are provisional, to allow late data and amendments to be included.

Re-exports: are exports of foreign goods which were previously recorded as Samoa's imports.

Trade balance: is calculated by deducting imports (cif) from exports (fob). These two valuations are not entirely comparable, because the cif valuation includes insurance and freight to Samoa, while the fob valuation excludes insurance and freight from Samoa.

Trade deficit: occurs when the value of imports is more than the value of exports.

Trade surplus: occurs when the value of exports is more than the value of imports.

**Table 1: Overseas Merchandise Trade**  
**Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

Period		Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
<b>Annual</b>				
	2011	153,111	805,752	-652,641
	2012	176,428	791,974	-615,546
	2013	144,103	851,292	-707,189
	2014	117,400	895,326	-777,926
	2015	136,018	855,390	-719,372
	2016	143,755	899,005	-755,250
	2017	112,215	900,997	-788,782
	2018	119,204	939,443	-820,239
	2019 (P)	130,098	1,031,313	-901,215
<b>Quarter</b>				
<b>2016</b>	March	28,256	220,835	-192,579
	June	35,098	226,981	-191,883
	September	44,936	224,418	-179,482
	December	35,466	226,772	-191,306
<b>2017</b>	March	25,871	210,126	-184,255
	June	31,138	210,684	-179,546
	September	30,834	235,475	-204,641
	December	24,372	244,712	-220,340
<b>2018</b>	March	20,050	197,020	-176,969
	June	25,858	227,652	-201,794
	September	36,021	250,123	-214,103
	December	37,276	264,649	-227,373
<b>2019</b>	March	30,683	226,898	-196,215
	June	31,965	255,687	-223,722
	September	34,841	251,566	-216,726
	December (P)	32,608	297,161	-264,553
<b>Month</b>				
<b>2017</b>	January	7,690	69,698	-62,008
	February	10,181	61,294	-51,113
	March	8,000	79,134	-71,134
	April	7,589	66,272	-58,684
	May	9,191	72,040	-62,849
	June	14,358	72,371	-58,013
	July	8,952	70,292	-61,340
	August	11,450	80,356	-68,905
	September	10,432	84,827	-74,395
	October	8,390	80,446	-72,056
	November	7,482	93,942	-86,460
	December	8,501	70,324	-61,824
<b>2018</b>	January	6,181	74,546	-68,365
	February	5,784	68,186	-62,402
	March	8,085	54,288	-46,203
	April	7,988	84,084	-76,096
	May	10,060	79,576	-69,517
	June	7,810	63,992	-56,182
	July	11,542	79,733	-68,191
	August	12,833	92,981	-80,147
	September	11,645	77,409	-65,764
	October	16,842	100,917	-84,074
	November	10,460	70,701	-60,241
	December	9,973	93,031	-83,058
<b>2019</b>	January	11,694	74,815	-63,122
	February	7,402	61,818	-54,415
	March	11,587	90,266	-78,678
	April	7,659	72,648	-64,990
	May	10,122	97,409	-87,287
	June	14,184	85,630	-71,446
	July	8,991	80,521	-71,530
	August	13,508	92,458	-78,950
	September	12,342	78,587	-66,245
	October	12,998	95,510	-82,512
	November(P)(*)	9,740	101,432	-91,692
	December(P)	9,870	100,218	-90,348

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**Symbols**

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**Table 2: Exports by main Commodities**  
**Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter					% Change (quarter)	
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018	2019				Dec19 /Sep19	Dec19 / Dec18
					Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)		
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,259	33,836	46,415	7,856	9,678	8,580	15,466	12,690	-17.9	61.5
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	32,165	9,312	7,108	7,572	9,525	7,959	-16.4	-14.5
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	12,237	4,132	5,449	5,134	833	821	-1.5	-80.1
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	7,915	2,155	1,718	2,080	2,270	1,847	-18.6	-14.3
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	5,238	2,209	919	1,500	1,425	1,394	-2.1	-36.9
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	583	351	177	127	94	186	96.5	-47.0
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	1,005	2,247	337	533	112	23	-79.6	-99.0
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	4,879	677	1,040	1,937	973	929	-4.6	37.1
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	4,740	548	1,180	1,346	468	1,746	273.4	218.6
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	2,024	524	601	513	306	603	96.8	15.0
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	166	561	16	79	18	54	200.2	-90.5
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	741	553	346	110	94	191	102.7	-65.4
18	Cocoa	638	908	587	226	24	152	224	187	-16.8	-17.6
24	Tobacco	462	699	1,337	238	238	110	293	696	137.2	191.9
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	808	213	382	47	39	340	769.6	59.6
12	Oil seeds	177	477	950	134	42	87	327	494	50.9	268.5
4	Dairy	160	477	308	3,235	37	70	75	126	67.2	-96.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	68	19	2	14	15	36	136.0	86.3
64	Footwear	333	464	216	301	110	0	105	1	-99.1	-99.7
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	376	35	99	59	67	152	127.5	331.8
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	845	182	273	148	171	253	47.7	38.7
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	371	150	24	181	36	130	263.9	-13.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	481	74	30	257	145	49	-66.1	-33.5
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	623	116	92	86	257	188	-26.7	62.5
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	454	73	23	124	194	112	-42.1	54.4
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	730	63	5	414	217	93	-57.0	47.9
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	554	89	54	154	118	228	93.7	157.1
25	Mineral substances	306	291	325	170	29	139	85	72	-15.5	-57.7
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	1,020	192	15	20	491	493	0.5	157.2
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	84	79	26	29	26	3	-87.1	-95.7
17	Sugar	56	152	61	38	10	20	17	13	-22.2	-64.8
10	Cereals	67	143	105	28	9	23	23	51	123.4	79.9
...	Others	3,462	2,937	1,688	496	592	319	329	448	36.0	-9.8
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

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**Table 3: Exports (value) by major items, SITC<sup>(3)</sup>**

Values (000 tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

SITC Section	Annual				Quarter								% Change (quarter)	
					2018				2019				Dec19 /	Dec19 /
	2016	2017	2018	2019	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Sep19	Dec18
Food & Live Animal	60,826	54,898	63,598	73,254	10,660	11,857	21,232	19,849	18,610	17,285	19,941	17,418	-12.7	-12.2
Beverages & Tobacco	4,532	5,683	8,012	6,563	1,737	1,983	1,852	2,439	1,156	1,610	1,707	2,089	22.4	-14.3
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,993	2,081	1,017	881	258	274	174	311	228	298	116	239	105.7	-23.3
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	30,888	32,613	30,656	32,159	5,848	7,727	7,776	9,305	7,104	7,572	9,524	7,959	-16.4	-14.5
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,242	1,398	1,580	2,110	17	425	721	416	3	398	198	1,511	662.6	263.0
Chemicals & Related Products	249	1,447	1,649	4,021	320	268	587	475	1,257	1,072	840	852	1.4	79.4
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	975	2,548	2,904	2,625	555	891	836	623	211	792	572	1,050	83.7	68.7
Machinery & Transport Equipment	40,685	9,475	4,212	6,066	416	1,030	1,695	1,070	1,520	2,081	1,271	1,194	-6.0	11.6
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	1,366	2,072	5,577	2,369	239	1,401	1,149	2,787	593	858	671	246	-63.3	-91.2
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

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**Table 4: Exports by Region, by main Countries of Destination**Values (in '000 Tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter								% Change (quarter)	
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018				2019				Dec19 /Sep19	Dec19 / Dec18
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)		
<b>Region</b>														
Africa	18	32	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	0.0	700.0
America	9,597	7,597	11,549	16,829	1,158	4,117	3,360	2,914	7,050	4,139	2,669	2,972	11.4	2.0
Asia	17,707	13,781	19,118	22,115	3,506	4,268	4,993	6,351	3,989	4,913	6,857	6,356	-7.3	0.1
Europe	978	635	977	1,055	315	217	229	217	332	218	234	272	16.4	25.6
Oceania	115,455	90,170	87,474	90,087	14,986	17,256	27,439	27,793	19,312	22,694	25,081	23,000	-8.3	-17.2
Other	0	0	84	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>														
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	20,762	4,286	4,770	5,272	6,773	4,623	5,684	5,582	4,873	-12.7	-28.1
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	10,663	1,573	3,391	3,255	4,631	2,592	3,511	2,338	2,223	-4.9	-52.0
American Samoa	37,060	29,876	31,779	40,423	5,261	4,821	13,510	8,188	8,494	7,757	13,100	11,072	-15.5	35.2
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	3,323	767	849	1,561	1,056	832	699	879	913	3.9	-13.6
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	11,301	2,814	3,136	3,500	6,989	2,543	2,918	2,594	3,245	25.1	-53.6
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	1,767	75	238	390	742	293	428	440	606	37.6	-18.4
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	8,152	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	945	1,665	2,836	2,706	-4.6	-2.0
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	5,640	1,333	1,087	978	597	969	545	2,098	2,028	-3.3	239.5
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	2,064	425	231	434	481	398	591	625	450	-27.9	-6.3
USA	9,592	6,253	11,214	15,127	1,126	4,036	3,258	2,794	6,001	3,687	2,563	2,876	12.2	2.9
Other countries	4,005	3,979	5,860	10,875	1,011	1,166	1,420	2,264	2,994	4,478	1,785	1,617	-9.4	-28.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,097</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

1 Exports are valued fob (free on board – the value of goods at Samoa ports before export) and include re-exports. All values are in Samoan tala.

2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

**Symbols**

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Notes: (\*) HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2017 applies to November 2019 and later data. HS2012 is used for earlier data.)

**Table 5: Imports by main Commodities**  
**Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

HS Code	Commodity	Quarter											% Change (quarter)	
		Annual			2018				2019				Dec19 / Sep19	Dec19 / Dec18
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	144,208	178,467	182,429	31,425	47,600	55,532	43,910	48,549	35,552	45,460	52,868	16.3	20.4
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	94,809	13,829	17,125	16,665	21,009	17,185	30,484	20,790	26,350	26.7	25.4
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	69,433	14,150	14,925	16,401	20,012	10,990	17,500	20,117	20,825	3.5	4.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	69,003	15,718	14,929	11,928	12,906	19,375	15,846	11,958	21,824	82.5	69.1
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	65,448	10,553	12,138	15,713	12,348	9,417	14,648	22,637	18,746	-17.2	51.8
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	34,940	4,738	7,643	8,023	10,735	6,266	8,673	8,132	11,869	45.9	10.6
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	29,417	6,830	7,434	6,944	8,677	7,080	7,065	6,820	8,453	24.0	-2.6
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	31,626	6,836	6,959	7,379	8,100	6,802	8,535	7,533	8,756	16.2	8.1
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	29,660	6,103	6,297	7,797	9,034	6,439	7,858	6,986	8,377	19.9	-7.3
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	19,612	5,194	5,158	6,233	7,666	4,481	3,852	4,674	6,605	41.3	-13.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	18,038	3,698	3,897	5,232	5,470	3,609	4,287	5,016	5,127	2.2	-6.3
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	17,234	3,741	4,253	4,534	4,337	4,080	4,449	4,144	4,561	10.0	5.1
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	11,484	3,002	4,038	4,103	5,470	2,895	1,995	3,346	3,248	-2.9	-40.6
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	18,956	4,691	3,564	2,949	5,173	4,815	4,311	3,543	6,287	77.4	21.5
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	12,662	3,426	3,920	3,898	3,897	2,558	2,972	3,377	3,756	11.2	-3.6
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	54,211	8,423	11,379	12,864	14,118	15,404	11,851	12,163	14,794	21.6	4.8
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	15,459	3,421	3,530	3,858	3,437	3,205	3,777	4,136	4,341	5.0	26.3
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	13,049	3,198	4,066	2,914	3,940	2,390	3,357	3,341	3,960	18.5	0.5
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	12,875	4,184	2,460	3,001	4,286	2,280	3,421	4,126	3,048	-26.1	-28.9
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	17,788	2,629	3,157	4,596	3,103	3,737	5,631	3,491	4,929	41.2	58.8
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	9,952	2,277	2,955	3,077	2,308	2,122	2,631	2,538	2,660	4.8	15.3
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	10,569	2,474	1,521	2,607	3,624	3,582	2,465	2,087	2,435	16.7	-32.8
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	7,967	2,221	2,976	2,286	2,320	1,721	2,198	1,852	2,197	18.6	-5.3
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipment	9,492	9,316	9,520	1,563	2,115	2,099	3,539	2,742	2,066	1,303	3,410	161.8	-3.6
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	9,474	2,211	2,332	2,455	2,252	2,264	2,510	2,163	2,537	17.3	12.7
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	9,391	1,836	1,903	2,708	2,779	1,752	2,268	2,850	2,521	-11.5	-9.3
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	7,400	2,108	1,940	2,179	2,643	1,133	2,079	2,208	1,980	-10.3	-25.1
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	12,034	1,434	1,651	2,226	3,275	1,953	2,805	3,618	3,658	1.1	11.7
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	8,136	1,653	2,213	2,323	2,307	1,661	2,050	2,435	1,990	-18.3	-13.7
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	9,913	1,661	1,702	1,725	2,352	2,508	2,437	2,366	2,602	10.0	10.6
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	10,060	2,223	1,304	2,222	1,663	2,511	3,117	1,378	3,054	121.7	83.7
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	7,978	1,148	1,316	2,113	1,985	1,490	1,721	2,500	2,267	-9.3	14.3
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	6,916	1,099	1,389	939	2,969	1,624	1,689	1,540	2,063	33.9	-30.5
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	7,104	1,243	1,059	1,147	2,633	1,488	2,279	1,027	2,310	124.9	-12.3
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	7,168	1,309	1,154	1,299	1,490	1,868	1,364	1,692	2,243	32.6	50.6
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	5,949	1,046	1,307	1,535	1,248	1,300	1,048	1,521	2,081	36.8	66.7
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	5,931	950	632	1,654	1,437	1,727	1,158	1,468	1,578	7.4	9.8
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	4,750	1,009	1,246	1,156	1,244	1,081	1,229	1,056	1,384	31.0	11.2
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	5,262	922	821	1,029	1,212	564	2,245	991	1,462	47.5	20.6
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	3,723	846	932	1,167	1,029	722	820	961	1,219	26.8	18.5
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	3,567	819	642	1,336	1,064	897	842	854	973	13.9	-8.5
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	8,846	599	922	838	1,351	432	6,179	907	1,328	46.4	-1.7
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	4,342	557	1,171	933	1,034	678	1,290	1,294	1,080	-16.5	4.5
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	4,342	659	647	1,085	1,192	938	1,393	846	1,165	37.6	-2.3
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	2,164	803	596	744	987	580	436	612	536	-12.5	-45.7
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	3,120	1,195	756	429	371	559	1,004	1,031	526	-49.0	41.7
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	2,424	572	725	736	652	431	526	830	637	-23.3	-2.4
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	2,332	367	1,033	430	566	719	807	343	463	35.0	-18.2
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	3,380	524	551	549	605	392	693	1,652	643	-61.1	6.2
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	2,521	483	420	479	439	364	531	499	1,128	126.1	156.9
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	1,198	269	397	437	493	146	334	340	378	11.2	-23.5
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	817	228	306	250	309	355	107	246	110	-55.3	-64.5
...	Others	14,616	12,482	14,930	2,922	2,547	3,364	3,649	3,034	5,305	2,768	3,823	38.1	4.8
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>

1 Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa, in Samoan tala). All values are in Samoan tala.

2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

**Symbols**

P : Provisional figures

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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Notes: (\*) HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2017 applies to November 2019 and later data. HS2012 is used for earlier data.)

**Table 6: Imports (value) by major items, SITC(3)**

Values (000 tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

SITC Section	Annual				Quarter								% Change (quarter)	
					2018				2019				Dec19 /	Dec19 /
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Sep19	Dec18
Food & Live Animal	235,810	232,794	249,568	246,220	54,434	58,856	63,638	72,640	49,630	59,256	64,850	72,483	11.8	-0.2
Beverages & Tobacco	12,568	11,548	11,226	10,100	3,197	2,571	2,530	2,928	1,615	3,013	3,050	2,422	-20.6	-17.3
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	21,317	24,438	31,810	35,063	3,685	8,384	9,624	10,117	7,055	10,068	7,696	10,244	33.1	1.3
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	122,284	143,389	173,370	175,246	31,254	46,306	52,854	42,956	45,377	32,563	44,806	52,499	17.2	22.2
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,654	5,766	6,144	5,940	1,129	1,631	1,574	1,810	1,254	1,432	1,854	1,399	-24.5	-22.7
Chemicals & Related Products	67,573	62,072	70,209	69,884	16,255	15,467	18,540	19,948	14,426	17,496	18,994	18,967	-0.1	-4.9
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	144,926	148,194	139,555	159,098	30,287	31,857	34,990	42,421	40,546	39,243	33,494	45,815	36.8	8.0
Machinery & Transport Equipment	190,595	178,973	175,742	230,974	40,213	44,296	44,786	46,448	46,207	62,158	55,595	67,015	20.5	44.3
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	98,260	93,809	81,783	98,777	16,559	18,277	21,585	25,362	20,783	30,455	21,225	26,313	24.0	3.8
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	18	13	35	11	7	7	2	18	4	2	2	4	50.8	-80.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>

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3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Notes: (\*) HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2017 applies to November 2019 and later data. HS2012 is used for earlier data.)

**Table 7 IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC<sup>3</sup>**  
**Values (000 tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

Economic Category	ANNUAL			QUARTER									
	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018				2019					
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)		
<b>1* Food and Beverage</b>													
11* Primary													
111* Mainly for industry	1,598	1,389	1,479	350	308	360	370	266	273	276	664		
112* Mainly for household consumption	26,631	29,299	28,827	6,762	7,118	7,492	7,928	6,613	6,892	6,772	8,551		
12* Processed													
121* Mainly for industry	34,591	32,508	33,951	7,432	8,748	8,158	8,170	6,461	9,164	8,821	9,505		
122* Mainly for household consumption	179,050	195,096	188,871	41,822	44,521	49,898	58,854	37,327	44,846	51,299	55,399		
<b>2* Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified</b>													
21* Primary	7,983	10,452	12,055	1,501	2,097	4,406	2,448	4,469	4,218	2,100	1,268		
22* Processed	227,739	202,543	234,117	41,218	47,833	50,774	62,719	55,131	58,278	53,068	67,641		
<b>3* Fuels and Lubricants</b>													
31* Primary	508	2,151	2,154	204	745	606	597	450	660	560	484		
32* Processed													
321* Motor spirit	67,913	76,487	57,274	15,062	22,358	26,917	12,149	17,650	10,757	13,199	15,669		
322* Other	74,644	94,224	114,425	15,851	23,157	25,291	29,925	27,058	20,409	30,835	36,124		
<b>Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories</b>													
<b>4* thereof</b>													
41* Capital goods (except transport equipmet)	74,917	77,145	99,670	18,823	18,555	20,542	19,226	22,493	19,928	24,940	32,309		
42* Parts and accessories	28,542	25,139	27,332	6,242	6,767	5,573	6,557	5,735	8,727	6,931	5,940		
<b>5* Transport Equipment and Parts and Accessories thereof</b>													
51* Passenger motor cars	25,136	26,272	38,803	5,005	6,679	5,907	8,681	6,462	9,818	10,405	12,118		
521* Industrial	29,168	37,022	49,927	7,507	9,100	9,366	11,049	9,429	19,144	9,158	12,196		
522* Non-industrial	1,174	1,170	1,656	278	254	296	342	118	983	229	326		
53* Parts and accessories	17,015	15,350	15,852	3,710	3,506	4,374	3,761	3,392	4,047	3,567	4,846		
<b>6* Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>													
61* Durable	16,741	17,249	19,990	3,722	4,311	5,211	4,004	3,226	5,388	4,868	6,509		
62* Semi-durable	39,947	39,304	50,939	8,127	8,522	10,594	12,061	9,582	17,758	10,011	13,589		
63* Non-durable	47,605	56,624	53,660	13,398	13,071	14,355	15,801	11,035	14,258	14,527	13,841		
<b>7* Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>	97	19	327	5	3	5	6	3	141	1	182		
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>		
of which													
Capital goods <sup>4</sup>	104,085	114,167	149,597	26,330	27,655	29,907	30,276	31,922	39,072	34,099	44,505		
Intermediate goods <sup>5</sup>	392,619	383,756	441,366	76,509	93,160	99,541	114,546	102,961	105,775	106,157	126,473		
Consumption goods <sup>6</sup>	311,148	338,741	343,945	74,108	77,797	87,846	98,990	67,900	90,125	87,706	98,215		

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2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

4 Capital Goods: sum of categories 41\* and 521\*

5 Intermediate Goods: sum of categories 111\*, 121\*, 21\*, 22\*, 31\*, 322\*, 42\* and 53\*

6 Consumption Goods: sum of categories 112\*, 122\*, 522\*, 61\*, 62\* and 63\*

\* The asterisk follows each reference to a BEC classification as a device to avoid confusion with the numbered sections, divisions and groups of the standard

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Notes: (\*) HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2017 applies to November 2019 and later data. HS2012 is used for earlier data.)

**Table 8: Imports by Region, by main Countries of Exports**Values (in '000 Tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter								% Change (quarter)	
					2018				2019					
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Dec19 / Sep19	Dec19 / Dec18
<b>Region</b>														
Africa	17	47	195	41	32	6	137	20	14	13	14	1	-94.8	-96.4
America	95,957	103,318	95,229	93,527	22,272	18,610	25,110	29,237	14,817	23,889	24,466	30,356	24.1	3.8
Asia	381,432	383,539	427,408	489,645	84,099	103,291	115,411	124,606	115,666	118,254	116,515	139,211	19.5	11.7
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	10,952	1,134	3,771	2,485	867	3,778	3,002	2,712	1,460	-46.2	68.3
Oceania	408,679	388,321	408,355	437,147	89,482	101,973	106,981	109,918	92,623	110,530	107,860	126,134	16.9	14.8
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>														
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	270,086	53,638	65,784	67,170	69,035	58,979	67,945	66,967	76,195	13.8	10.4
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	93,043	22,705	22,506	24,200	23,629	20,226	24,614	22,525	25,678	14.0	8.7
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	66,895	12,462	12,700	13,041	15,636	12,301	16,430	16,715	21,449	28.3	37.2
USA	92,621	100,314	92,867	90,688	21,503	18,159	24,884	28,321	14,303	22,877	24,007	29,502	22.9	4.2
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	127,719	16,931	15,440	22,120	30,281	30,374	46,946	18,765	31,635	68.6	4.5
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	50,131	7,708	9,225	12,327	16,629	13,141	10,356	10,832	15,801	45.9	-5.0
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	11,160	3,087	2,443	2,835	3,960	3,055	2,595	2,779	2,731	-1.8	-31.0
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	40,280	5,611	12,660	10,947	10,770	7,551	7,610	12,028	13,091	8.8	21.6
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	9,788	1,604	1,862	1,379	2,177	1,685	3,020	2,084	3,000	44.0	37.8
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	1,990	105	134	164	448	662	460	518	350	-32.5	-21.9
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	174,133	32,490	45,982	53,038	42,053	44,569	32,651	46,023	50,890	10.6	21.0
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	28,481	5,197	7,684	5,463	8,496	7,662	5,424	5,816	9,578	64.7	12.7
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	12,268	2,069	1,308	856	1,498	1,229	1,237	8,062	1,740	-78.4	16.1
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	4,783	662	1,332	1,063	1,786	965	370	409	3,039	642.1	70.1
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	19,583	7,056	2,974	3,133	4,943	2,526	5,471	6,186	5,400	-12.7	9.3
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	580	72	11	120	143	285	167	34	95	181.5	-34.0
Tonga	2,248	187	489	296	3	102	146	238	58	38	140	59	-57.8	-75.2
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	4,551	564	670	915	283	982	273	1,583	1,713	8.2	505.4
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	5,035	663	809	723	1,214	956	1,385	1,203	1,490	23.8	22.8
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	19,824	2,891	5,867	5,601	3,106	5,389	5,820	4,889	3,726	-23.8	20.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>

1 Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa, in Samoan tala). All values are in Samoan tala.

2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

**Symbols**

P Provisional figures

0 Insignificant/nil value

**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Notes: (\*) HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2017 applies to November 2019 and later data. HS2012 is used for earlier data.)