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OVERSEAS MERCHANDISE TRADE September 2019 quarter

Highlights of the quarter

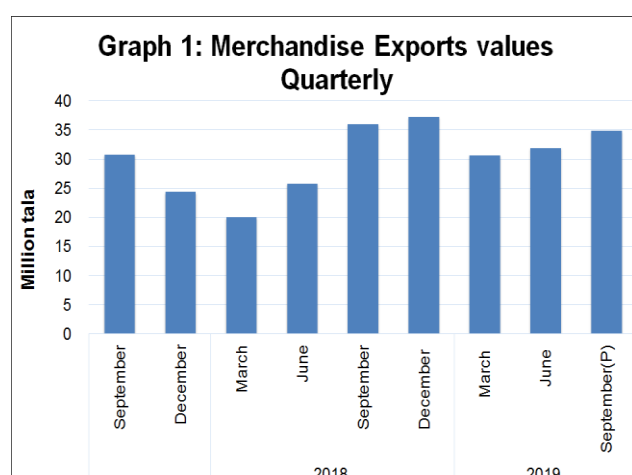
(September 2019 quarter compared with June 2019 quarter)

- Total merchandise exports rose 9.0 percent to \$34.8 million.
- Total merchandise imports decreased 1.6 percent to \$251.6 million.
- There was a trade deficit of \$216.7 million.

Overview

Value of Merchandise Exports

In the September 2019 quarter, the total value of merchandise exports stood at \$34.84 million. This value was 9.0 percent higher the previous quarter and 3.3 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2018. (See Graph 1 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2019 showed a 26.8 percent increase in the total value of merchandise exports when compared with the four quarters ending June 2018.

Exports of Main Commodities

In the September 2019 quarter, **fish, crustaceans and molluscs** remained as the top commodity groups exported, valued at \$15.5 million (44.4 percent of total exports value). This value was 80.3 percent and 6.8 percent higher than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

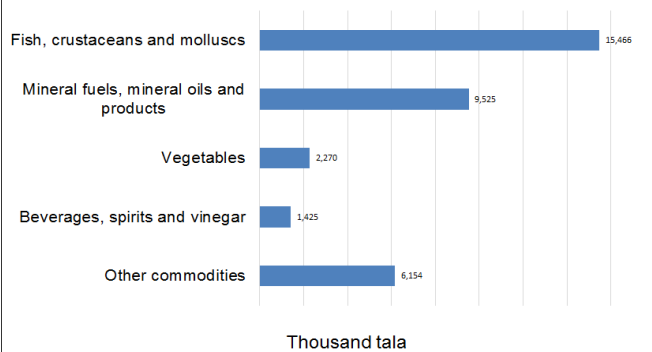
Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products followed with a total value of \$9.5 million (27.3 percent of total exports value), increasing 25.8 percent from the previous quarter and 22.5 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Vegetables exports went up 9.1 percent (to \$2.3 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 6.5 percent of total exports value. Exports of taro the main driver for the current increase (up \$134 thousand). In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of vegetables products exports increased 22.7 percent.

Beverages, spirits and vinegar exports went down 5.0 percent (to \$1.4 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 4.1 percent of total exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of beverages, spirits and vinegar decreased 16.1 percent.

All '**other commodities**' with less than 3.0 percent share of total merchandise exports value had a combined total of \$6.2 million. (See Graph 2 and table 2.)

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



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Exports by Region

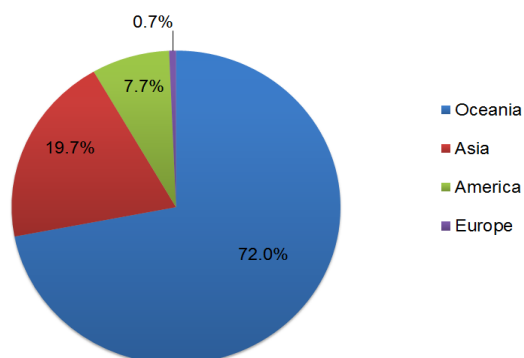
In the September 2019 quarter, **Oceania** recorded the largest share of total merchandise exports value, with 72.0 percent; increasing 10.5 percent from the previous quarter but 8.6 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Asia recorded a 19.7 percent share, increasing 39.6 percent from the previous quarter and 37.3 percent from the same quarter of 2018.

America had a total share of 7.7 percent, decreasing 35.5 percent from the previous quarter and 20.6 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Europe recorded a total share of 0.7 percent, increasing 7.5 percent from the previous quarter and 2.2 percent from the same quarter of 2018. (See Graph 3 and table 4).

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



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination

American Samoa remained as the leading country of destination for merchandise exports in the

September 2019 quarter, accounting for 37.6 percent (\$13.1 million) of total merchandise exports value. This value was 68.9 percent higher than the previous quarter but 3.0 percent lower than the same quarter of 2018.

New Zealand recorded a total share of 16.0 percent (\$5.6 million), decreasing 1.8 percent from the previous quarter but 5.9 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

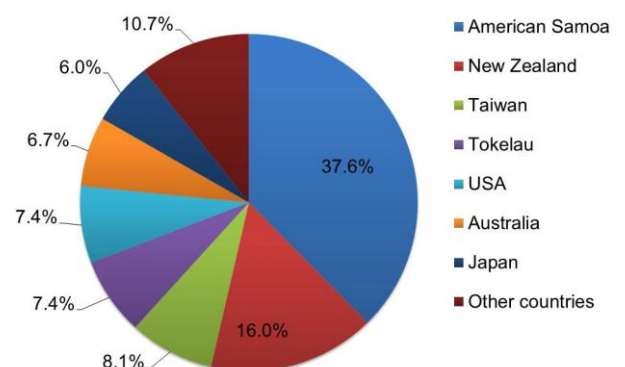
Taiwan represented 8.1 percent of total merchandise exports value, increasing 70.3 percent from the previous quarter and 16.1 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

USA and **Tokelau** had a total share of 7.4 percent each. USA recorded decreases of 11.1 percent and 30.1 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively while Tokelau recorded decreases of 25.9 percent and 21.4 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Australia represented 6.7 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 33.4 percent from the previous quarter and 28.2 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Japan recorded 6.0 percent (\$2.1 million) share of total merchandise exports value while all other countries of destination accounted for less than 3.0 percent share of total merchandise exports values had a combined share of 10.7 percent. (See Graph 4 and table 4).

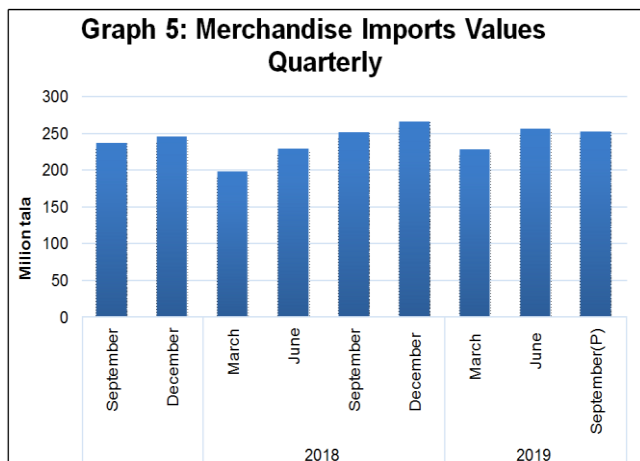
**Graph 4: Merchandise Exports by Countries of Destination
September 2019 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Value of Merchandise Imports

In the September 2019 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$251.6 million. This value was 1.6 percent lower than the previous quarter but 0.6 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018. (See Graph 5 and table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2019 showed a 8.6 percent increase in the total value of merchandise imports when compared with the four quarters ending September 2018.

Imports of Main Commodities

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products remained as the top commodity groups imported in the September 2019 quarter, valued at \$45.5 million (18.1 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 27.9 percent higher than the previous quarter but 18.1 percent lower than the same quarter of 2018.

Imports of **mechanical machinery and equipment** were valued at \$22.6 million (9.0 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 54.5 percent from the previous quarter and 44.1 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

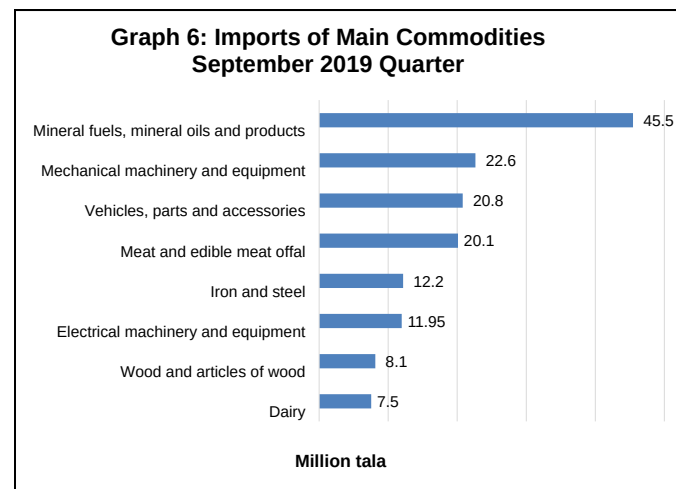
Vehicles, parts and accessories had a total value of \$20.8 million (8.3 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 31.8 percent from the previous quarter but 24.7 percent higher when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

Meat and edible meat offal imports reported a total value of \$20.1 million (8.0 percent of total merchandise import value), increasing 15.0 percent and 22.7 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

Imports of **electrical machinery and equipment** were valued at \$11.96 million (4.8 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 24.5 percent lower than the previous quarter but 0.2 percent higher when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Iron and steel imports had a total value of \$12.2 million (4.8 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 2.6 percent from the previous quarter but 5.5 percent lower when compared with same quarter of 2018.

Imports of **wood and articles of wood** and **dairy** were decreased from the previous quarter valued \$8.1 million (3.2 percent of total merchandise imports value) and \$7.5 million (3.0 percent of total merchandise imports value) respectively. All **other commodities** accounted for less than 3.0 percent share of total merchandise imports value had a combined total of \$103.0 million (40.9 percent). (See Graph 6 and Table 5).



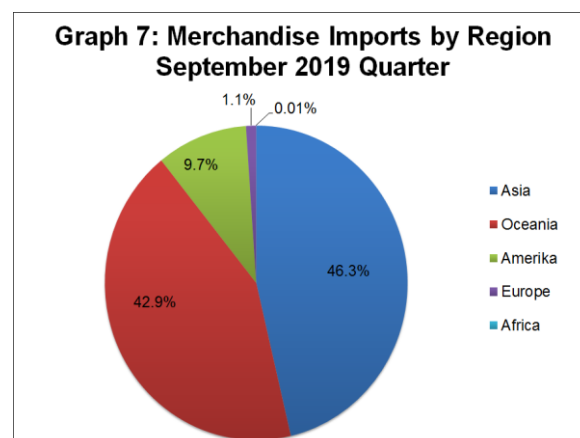
Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Imports by Region

In the September 2019 quarter, the **Asian** region recorded the largest share of total merchandise imports value, with 46.3 percent, decreasing 1.5 percent from the previous quarter but 1.0 percent higher when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Oceania recorded a total share of 42.9 percent of total merchandise import value, decreasing 2.4 percent from the previous quarter but 0.8 percent higher when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

America had a total share of 9.7 percent while **Africa** reported the least share of 0.01 percent. (See graph 7 and table 7).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Imports by major source markets

New Zealand continued as the leading source markets for merchandise imports in the September 2019 quarter, accounting for 26.6 percent (\$66.97 million) of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 1.4 percent and 0.3 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

Singapore accounted for 18.3 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 41.0 percent from the previous quarter but decreasing 13.2 percent from the same quarter of 2018.

USA represented 9.5 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 4.9 percent from the previous quarter but 3.5 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Australia recorded a 9.0 percent share of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 8.5 percent and 6.9 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

China accounted for 7.5 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 60.0 percent and 15.2 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

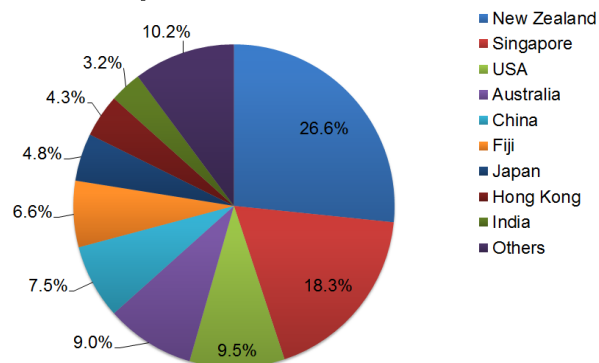
Fiji accounted for 6.6 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 1.7 percent and 28.2 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

Japan accounted for 4.8 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 58.1 percent and 9.9 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Hong Kong accounted for 4.3 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 4.6 percent from the previous but 12.1 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Imports from **India** accounted for 3.2 percent of total merchandise imports value while all other countries accounted for less than 3.0 percent share of total merchandise imports value had a combined share of 10.2 percent. **(See Graph 8 and table 8).**

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

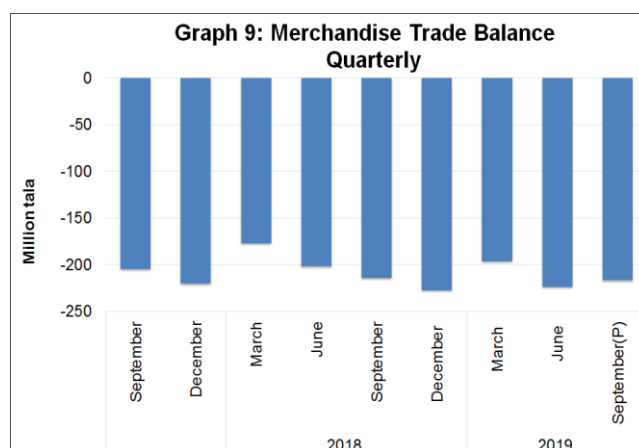


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Trade Balance

In the September 2019 quarter, the total value of merchandise imports (\$251.6 million) exceeded that of merchandise exports (\$34.8 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$216.7 million.

(See Graph 9 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The December 2019 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 27th 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

September 2019 quarter: (July, August, September 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) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Period		Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
Annual				
	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 (P)	119,204	939,443	-820,239
Quarter				
2016	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
2017	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
2018	March	20,050	197,020	-176,969
	June	25,858	227,652	-201,794
	September	36,021	250,123	-214,103
2019	December	37,276	264,649	-227,373
	March	30,683	226,898	-196,215
	June	31,965	255,687	-223,722
	September(P)	34,841	251,566	-216,726
Month				
2017	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
2018	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
2019	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(P)	8,991	80,521	-71,530
	August(P)	13,508	92,458	-78,950
	September(P)	12,342	78,587	-66,245

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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Table 2: Exports by main Commodities

 Values (000 tala) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

HS Code	Commodity	Annual		Quarter							% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019			Sep19 /Jun19	Sep19 / Sep18
		2017	2018	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep(P)		
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,259	33,836	5,944	5,549	14,487	7,856	9,678	8,580	15,466	80.3	6.8
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	5,848	7,727	7,776	9,312	7,108	7,572	9,525	25.8	22.5
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	1,139	1,974	3,013	4,132	5,449	5,134	833	-83.8	-72.3
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	1,414	1,967	1,850	2,155	1,718	2,080	2,270	9.1	22.7
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	1,622	1,811	1,699	2,209	919	1,500	1,425	-5.0	-16.1
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	575	348	375	351	177	127	94	-25.4	-74.8
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	24	866	540	2,247	337	533	112	-79.0	-79.2
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	360	852	1,384	677	1,040	1,937	973	-49.7	-29.7
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	44	529	1,147	548	1,180	1,346	468	-65.3	-59.2
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	518	554	364	524	601	513	306	-40.3	-15.9
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	344	285	120	561	16	79	18	-77.4	-85.1
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	210	160	190	553	346	110	94	-14.6	-50.5
18	Cocoa	638	908	58	553	69	226	24	152	224	47.2	223.2
24	Tobacco	462	699	115	192	153	238	238	110	293	167.7	91.2
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	20	125	147	213	382	47	39	-15.9	-73.3
12	Oil seeds	177	477	131	129	84	134	42	87	327	277.0	291.8
4	Dairy	160	477	82	114	245	3,235	37	70	75	8.4	-69.2
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	128	192	131	19	2	14	15	7.7	-88.3
64	Footwear	333	464	1	116	45	301	110	0	105	21682.9	134.4
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	167	80	169	35	99	59	67	12.3	-60.5
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	89	187	235	182	273	148	171	15.5	-27.1
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	45	150	84	150	24	181	36	-80.3	-57.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	80	98	138	74	30	257	145	-43.6	4.8
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	35	44	162	116	92	86	257	198.1	58.8
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	23	44	175	73	23	124	194	56.3	11.0
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	164	70	14	63	5	414	217	-47.6	1450.0
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	20	130	62	89	54	154	118	-23.3	88.8
25	Mineral substances	306	291	23	58	40	170	29	139	85	-38.6	112.5
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	12	32	35	192	15	20	491	2350.2	1300.8
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	51	34	76	79	26	29	26	-9.9	-65.7
17	Sugar	56	152	45	30	39	38	10	20	17	-15.4	-56.4
10	Cereals	67	143	21	29	65	28	9	23	23	-0.4	-65.3
...	Others	3,462	2,937	698	829	908	496	592	319	329	3.1	-63.8
01-98	Total	112,215	119,204	20,050	25,858	36,021	37,276	30,683	31,965	34,841	9.0	-3.3

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Table 3: Exports (value) by major items, SITC⁽³⁾
Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019			Sep19 / Jun19	Sep19 / Sep18		
	2016	2017	2018	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep(P)				
Food & Live Animal	60,826	54,898	63,598	10,660	11,857	21,232	19,849	18,610	17,285	19,941	15.4	-6.1		
Beverages & Tobacco	4,532	5,683	8,012	1,737	1,983	1,852	2,439	1,156	1,610	1,707	6.1	-7.8		
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,993	2,081	1,017	258	274	174	311	228	298	116	-61.1	-33.3		
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	30,888	32,613	30,656	5,848	7,727	7,776	9,305	7,104	7,572	9,524	25.8	22.5		
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,242	1,398	1,580	17	425	721	416	3	398	198	-50.2	-72.5		
Chemicals & Related Products	249	1,447	1,649	320	268	587	475	1,257	1,072	840	-21.7	43.1		
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	975	2,548	2,904	555	891	836	623	211	792	572	-27.8	-31.6		
Machinery & Transport Equipment	40,685	9,475	4,212	416	1,030	1,695	1,070	1,520	2,081	1,271	-38.9	-25.0		
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	1,366	2,072	5,577	239	1,401	1,149	2,787	593	858	671	-21.8	-41.6		
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!		
Total	143,755	112,215	119,204	20,050	25,858	36,021	37,276	30,683	31,965	34,841	9.0	-3.3		

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Table 4: Exports by Region, by main Countries of Destination

Values (in '000 Tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region/Country	Annual			Quarter							% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019			Sep19 /Jun19	Sep19 / Sep18
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep(P)		
Region												
Africa	18	32	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	-100.0	#DIV/0!
America	9,597	7,597	11,549	1,158	4,117	3,360	2,914	7,050	4,139	2,669	-35.5	-20.6
Asia	17,707	13,781	19,118	3,506	4,268	4,993	6,351	3,989	4,913	6,857	39.6	37.3
Europe	978	635	977	315	217	229	217	332	218	234	7.5	2.2
Oceania	115,455	90,170	87,474	14,986	17,256	27,439	27,793	19,312	22,694	25,081	10.5	-8.6
Other	0	0	84	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Top Countries												
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	4,286	4,770	5,272	6,773	4,623	5,684	5,582	-1.8	5.9
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	1,573	3,391	3,255	4,631	2,592	3,511	2,338	-33.4	-28.2
American Samoa	37,060	29,876	31,779	5,261	4,821	13,510	8,188	8,494	7,757	13,100	68.9	-3.0
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	767	849	1,561	1,056	832	699	879	25.7	-43.7
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	2,814	3,136	3,500	6,989	2,543	2,918	2,594	-11.1	-25.9
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	75	238	390	742	293	428	440	2.8	12.9
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	945	1,665	2,836	70.3	16.1
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	1,333	1,087	978	597	969	545	2,098	284.6	114.4
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	425	231	434	481	398	591	625	5.7	43.8
USA	9,592	6,253	11,214	1,126	4,036	3,258	2,794	6,001	3,687	2,563	-30.5	-21.4
Other countries	4,005	3,979	5,860	1,011	1,166	1,420	2,264	2,994	4,478	1,785	-60.1	25.7
Total	143,755	112,215	119,204	20,050	25,858	36,021	37,276	30,683	31,965	34,841	9.0	-3.3

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Table 5: Imports by main Commodities
Values (000 tala) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

HS Code	Commodity	Annual		Quarter					% Change (quarter)	
				2018			2019		Sep19 / Jun19	Sep19 / Sep18
		2017	2018	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep(P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	144,208	178,467	47,600	55,532	43,910	35,552	45,460	27.9	-18.1
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	17,125	16,665	21,009	30,484	20,790	-31.8	24.7
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	14,925	16,401	20,012	17,500	20,117	15.0	22.7
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	14,929	11,928	12,906	15,846	11,958	-24.5	0.2
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	12,138	15,713	12,348	14,648	22,637	54.5	44.1
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	7,643	8,023	10,735	8,673	8,132	-6.2	1.4
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	7,434	6,944	8,677	7,065	6,820	-3.5	-1.8
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	6,959	7,379	8,100	8,535	7,533	-11.7	2.1
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	6,297	7,797	9,034	7,858	6,986	-11.1	-10.4
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	5,158	6,233	7,666	3,852	4,674	21.3	-25.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	3,897	5,232	5,470	4,287	5,016	17.0	-4.1
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	4,253	4,534	4,337	4,449	4,144	-6.9	-8.6
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	4,038	4,103	5,470	1,995	3,346	67.7	-18.5
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	3,564	2,949	5,173	4,311	3,543	-17.8	20.1
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	3,920	3,898	3,897	2,972	3,377	13.6	-13.4
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	11,379	12,864	14,118	11,851	12,163	2.6	-5.5
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	3,530	3,858	3,437	3,777	4,136	9.5	7.2
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	4,066	2,914	3,940	3,357	3,341	-0.5	14.7
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	2,460	3,001	4,286	3,421	4,126	20.6	37.5
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	3,157	4,596	3,103	5,631	3,491	-38.0	-24.0
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	2,955	3,077	2,308	2,631	2,538	-3.5	-17.5
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	1,521	2,607	3,624	2,465	2,087	-15.3	-20.0
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	2,976	2,286	2,320	2,198	1,852	-15.7	-19.0
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipment	9,492	9,316	2,115	2,099	3,539	2,066	1,303	-36.9	-37.9
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	2,332	2,455	2,252	2,510	2,163	-13.9	-11.9
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	1,903	2,708	2,779	2,268	2,850	25.7	5.3
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	1,940	2,179	2,643	2,079	2,208	6.2	1.3
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	1,651	2,226	3,275	2,805	3,618	29.0	62.6
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	2,213	2,323	2,307	2,050	2,435	18.8	4.8
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	1,702	1,725	2,352	2,437	2,366	-2.9	37.2
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	1,304	2,222	1,663	3,117	1,378	-55.8	-38.0
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	1,316	2,113	1,985	1,721	2,500	45.3	18.3
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	1,389	939	2,969	1,689	1,540	-8.8	64.0
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	1,059	1,147	2,633	2,279	1,027	-54.9	-10.5
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	1,154	1,299	1,490	1,364	1,692	24.1	30.3
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	1,307	1,535	1,248	1,048	1,521	45.1	-1.0
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	632	1,654	1,437	1,158	1,468	26.8	-11.2
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	1,246	1,156	1,244	1,229	1,056	-14.0	-8.7
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	821	1,029	1,212	2,245	991	-55.8	-3.7
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	932	1,167	1,029	820	961	17.3	-17.6
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	642	1,336	1,064	842	854	1.5	-36.0
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	922	838	1,351	6,179	907	-85.3	8.3
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	1,171	933	1,034	1,290	1,294	0.3	38.7
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	647	1,085	1,192	1,393	846	-39.2	-22.0
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	596	744	987	436	612	40.4	-17.7
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	756	429	371	1,004	1,031	2.8	140.3
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	725	736	652	526	830	58.0	12.8
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	1,033	430	566	807	343	-57.4	-20.1
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	551	549	605	693	1,652	138.3	201.1
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	420	479	439	531	499	-6.1	4.0
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	397	437	493	334	340	1.5	-22.2
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	306	250	309	107	246	130.3	-1.9
...	Others	14,616	12,482	2,547	3,364	3,649	5,305	2,768	-47.8	-17.7
01-98	Total	900,997	939,443	227,652	250,123	264,649	255,687	251,566	-1.6	0.6

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter							% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019			Sep19 / Jun19	Sep19 / Sep18
	2016	2017	2018	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep(P)		
Food & Live Animal	235,810	232,794	249,568	54,434	58,856	63,638	72,640	49,630	59,256	64,850	9.4	1.9
Beverages & Tobacco	12,568	11,548	11,226	3,197	2,571	2,530	2,928	1,615	3,013	3,050	1.2	20.5
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	21,317	24,438	31,810	3,685	8,384	9,624	10,117	7,055	10,068	7,696	-23.6	-20.0
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	122,284	143,389	173,370	31,254	46,306	52,854	42,956	45,377	32,563	44,806	37.6	-15.2
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,654	5,766	6,144	1,129	1,631	1,574	1,810	1,254	1,432	1,854	29.5	17.8
Chemicals & Related Products	67,573	62,072	70,209	16,255	15,467	18,540	19,948	14,426	17,496	18,994	8.6	2.5
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	144,926	148,194	139,555	30,287	31,857	34,990	42,421	40,546	39,243	33,494	-14.6	-4.3
Machinery & Transport Equipment	190,595	178,973	175,742	40,213	44,296	44,786	46,448	46,207	62,158	55,595	-10.6	24.1
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	98,260	93,809	81,783	16,559	18,277	21,585	25,362	20,783	30,455	21,225	-30.3	-1.7
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	18	13	35	7	7	2	18	4	2	2	19.1	-5.6
Total	899,005	900,997	939,443	197,020	227,652	250,123	264,649	226,898	255,687	251,566	-1.6	0.6

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Source Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Table 7 IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC³Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

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

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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 international

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Table 8: Imports by Region, by main Countries of Exports

Values (in '000 Tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region/Country	Annual			Quarter						% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019		Sep19 / Jun19	Sep19 / Sep18
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep(P)		
Region											
Africa	17	47	195	32	6	137	20	13	14	6.2	-90.0
America	95,957	103,318	95,229	22,272	18,610	25,110	29,237	23,889	24,466	2.4	-2.6
Asia	381,432	383,539	427,408	84,099	103,291	115,411	124,606	118,254	116,515	-1.5	1.0
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	1,134	3,771	2,485	867	3,002	2,712	-9.7	9.1
Oceania	408,679	388,321	408,355	89,482	101,973	106,981	109,918	110,530	107,860	-2.4	0.8
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Top Countries											
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	53,638	65,784	67,170	69,035	67,945	66,967	-1.4	-0.3
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	22,705	22,506	24,200	23,629	24,614	22,525	-8.5	-6.9
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	12,462	12,700	13,041	15,636	16,430	16,715	1.7	28.2
United States of America	92,621	100,314	92,867	21,503	18,159	24,884	28,321	22,877	24,007	4.9	-3.5
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	16,931	15,440	22,120	30,281	46,946	18,765	-60.0	-15.2
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	7,708	9,225	12,327	16,629	10,356	10,832	4.6	-12.1
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	3,087	2,443	2,835	3,960	2,595	2,779	7.1	-2.0
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	5,611	12,660	10,947	10,770	7,610	12,028	58.1	9.9
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	1,604	1,862	1,379	2,177	3,020	2,084	-31.0	51.1
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	105	134	164	448	460	518	12.7	217.0
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	32,490	45,982	53,038	42,053	32,651	46,023	41.0	-13.2
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	5,197	7,684	5,463	8,496	5,424	5,816	7.2	6.5
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	2,069	1,308	856	1,498	1,237	8,062	551.9	841.8
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	662	1,332	1,063	1,786	370	409	10.8	-61.5
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	7,056	2,974	3,133	4,943	5,471	6,186	13.1	97.5
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	72	11	120	143	167	34	-79.8	-72.1
Tonga	2,248	187	489	3	102	146	238	38	140	267.0	-3.9
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	564	670	915	283	273	1,583	480.8	73.0
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	663	809	723	1,214	1,385	1,203	-13.1	66.5
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	2,891	5,867	5,601	3,106	5,820	4,889	-16.0	-12.7
Total	899,005	900,997	939,443	197,020	227,652	250,123	264,649	255,687	251,566	-1.6	0.6

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