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OVERSEAS MERCHANDISE TRADE September 2020 quarter

Highlights of the quarter

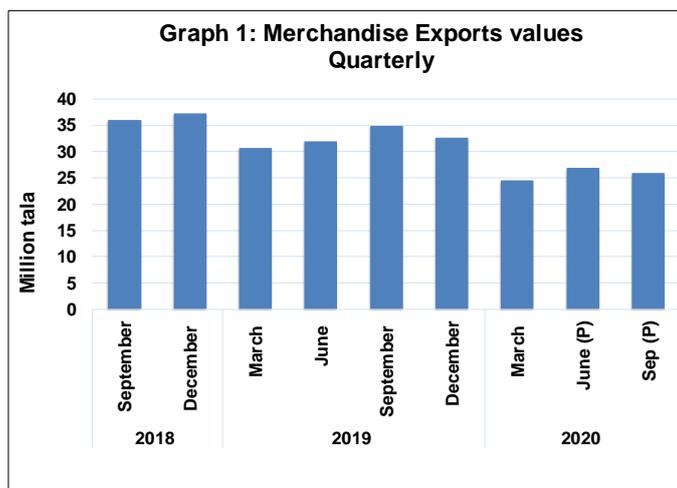
(September 2020 quarter compared with June 2020 quarter)

- Exports value declined 3.3 percent to \$26.0 million.
- Imports value rose 18.7 percent to \$210.1 million.
- The trade deficit for the September 2020 quarter stands at \$184.1 million.

Overview

Value of Merchandise Exports

In the September 2020 quarter, total exports were valued at \$26.0 million, decreasing 3.3 percent from the previous quarter and 25.4 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019. (See Graph 1 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2020 showed an 18.4 percent decrease in the total value of exports when compared with the four quarters ending September 2019.

Exports of Main Commodities

Fish exports maintained as the top commodity exported in the quarter under review, valued at 39.2 percent (\$10.2 million) of total merchandise exports value. This was 20.6 percent higher than the previous quarter but 34.0 percent lower than the same quarter in 2019.

Vegetables export followed with a total value of \$2.8 million (10.6 percent share of total value). This value was 31.7 percent higher than the previous quarter as a result of \$0.8 million increase in taro exports and 21.2 percent more than the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products exports came third with its value increasing to \$2.6 million from \$2.3 million in the previous quarter, accounting for 9.9 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the same quarter of 2019 quarter, the current value of mineral fuels was 73.0 percent lower.

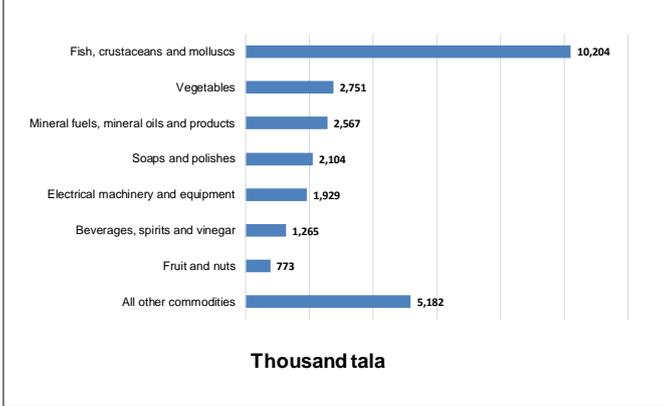
Soap and polishes exports decreased 37.5 percent (to \$2.1million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 8.1 percent of total exports. The current value of soap and polishes exports was four times higher than that of the September quarter of 2019.

Electrical machinery and equipment exports recorded a total value of \$1.9 million, accounting for 7.4 percent of total exports value. This was 58.8 percent lower when compared to the previous quarter but was 98.1 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Beverages, spirits and vinegar exports declined 50.3 percent (to \$1.3 million) from the preceding quarter, representing 4.9 percent of total exports value. When compared to the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of beverage, spirit and vinegar decreased 11.2 percent.

Exports of **'other commodities'** had a combined total of \$5.2 million, reflecting 17.0 percent of total exports value. (See Table 2 and Graph 2).

**Graph 2. Export of Main Commodities
September 2020 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Exports by Region

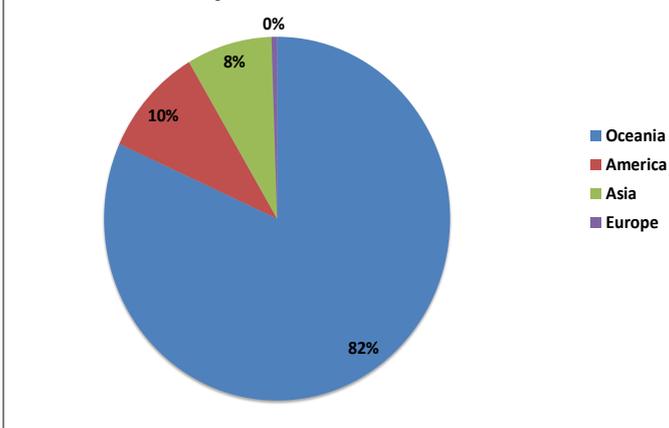
In the September 2020 quarter, exports to **Oceania** recorded the largest share of total merchandise exports value, with 81.7 percent, increasing 10.6 percent from the previous quarter but was 15.3 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

The **America** region recorded total merchandise exports share of 9.8 percent, decreasing 30.1 percent from the June quarter 2020 and 4.9 percent from the same quarter of 2019.

Exports to **Asia** region recorded an 8.0 percent share of the total merchandise exports, decreasing 45.1 percent and 69.7 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

The **Europe** region recorded a total share of 1.0 percent, decreasing 48.9 percent from the previous quarter and was 42.3 percent lower than the same quarter of 2019. (See Graph 3 and Table 4).

**Graph 3: Merchandise Exports by Region
September 2020 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination

In the September 2020 quarter, **American Samoa** remained the largest exports markets with its increasing value of \$10.6 million from \$7.3 million in the previous quarter, representing 40.6 percent of the total merchandise exports value. Mainly responsible for current increase was higher value of fish exports. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of exports to American Samoa decreased 19.4 percent.

Exports to **New Zealand** had a total value of \$5.1 million, accounting for 19.8 percent of total merchandise exports value, increasing 17.4 percent from the previous quarter but was 7.8 percent lower when compared with the same quarter last year.

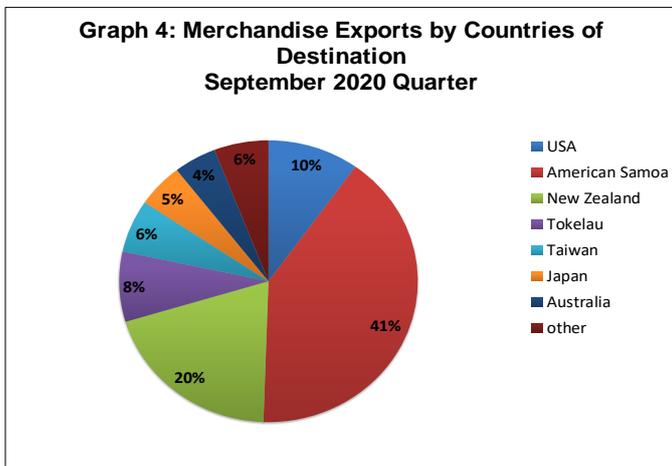
Exports to **USA** were valued at \$2.6 million, contributing 9.9 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 27.3 percent from the previous quarter but was 0.6 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Exports to **Tokelau** had a total value of \$2.1 million, accounting for 8.0 percent of total merchandise export value, decreasing 33.6 percent and 19.5 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

Exports to **Taiwan** were valued at \$1.6 million, contributing 6.1 percent of total merchandise export value, increasing 71.8 percent from the previous quarter but 44.5 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Exports to **Japan** decreased 47.7 percent (to \$1.3 million) from the previous quarter; accounting for 5.0 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the same quarter of 2019, the current value of exports to Japan decreased 37.5 percent.

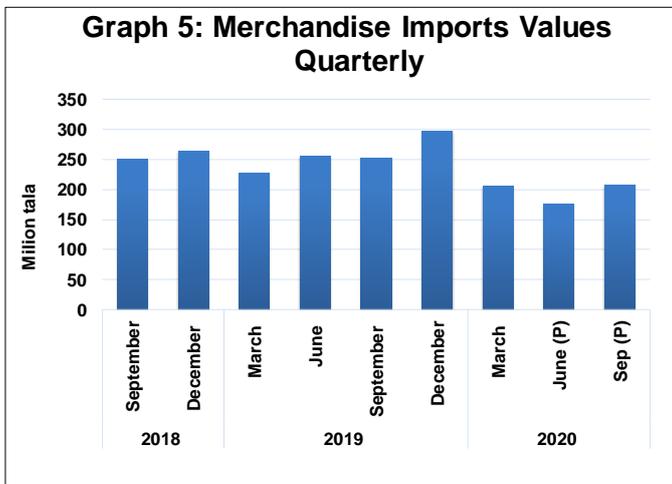
Exports to **Australia** were valued at \$1.2 million, contributing 4.6 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 62.5 percent and 48.6 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively. All other countries of destination for exports represented 4.9 percent of total exports value. (See Graph 4 and Table 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Value of Merchandise Imports

In the September 2020 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$210.1 million. This value was 19.8 percent higher but was 16.5 percent lower than the same quarter of 2019. (See graph 5 and Table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2020 showed a 11.2 percent decrease in the total value of merchandise imports when compared with the four quarters ending September 2019.

Import of Main Commodities

In the September 2020 quarter, **Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products** maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported, valued at \$26.2 million (12.5 percent of total merchandise import value). This value was 24.6 percent higher than the previous quarter but 42.3 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Meat and edible meat offal increased 10.5 percent (to \$16.5 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 7.8 percent of total merchandise

import value. In comparison with the September 2019 quarter, the current value of meat and edible meat offal decreased 18.2 percent.

Vehicles, parts and accessories imports were valued at \$15.9 million, representing 7.6 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 48.8 percent from the previous quarter but 23.6 percent lower than the same quarter of 2019.

Mechanical machinery and equipment had a total value of \$14.9 million, accounting for 7.1 percent of total imports value, increasing 28.5 percent from the previous quarter but 34.1 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Imports of **Electrical machinery and equipment** were valued at \$11.2 million (5.3 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 2.0 percent from the previous quarter but was 6.1 percent lower from the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Imports of **Iron & Steel** had a total value of \$10.3 million, contributing 4.9 percent of total merchandise imports value. This result was two times higher than the previous quarter but 15.0 percent lower than the same quarter last year.

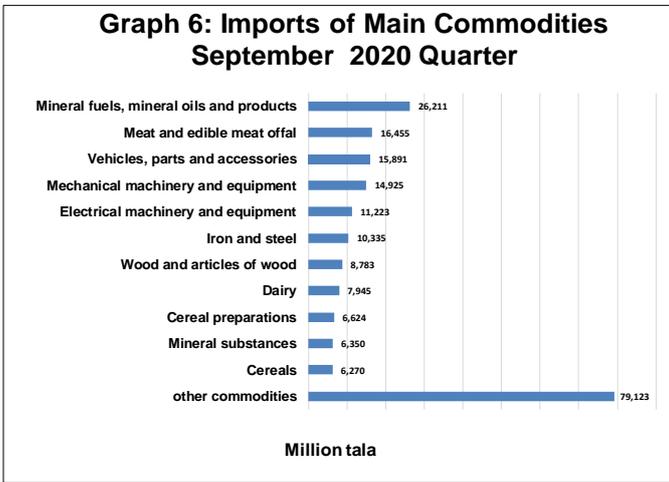
Imports of **Wood and articles of wood** had a total value of \$8.7 million, contributing 4.2 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 79.3 percent and 8.0 percent from the previous quarter and corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports of **dairy** were valued at \$7.9 million, representing 3.8 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 1.6 percent and 5.5 percent from the previous quarter and corresponding quarter of 2019 in that order.

Cereal preparation had a total value of \$6.6 million, contributing for 3.2 percent of total merchandise import value, decreasing 13.6 percent and 2.9 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter 2019 respectively.

Imports of **Mineral substances** and **cereals** recorded a total of \$6.4 million and \$6.3 million respectively (3.0 percent each of total merchandise import value). The former increased \$3.3 million and \$2.8 million compared to the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively. All '**other commodities**' on their own accounted for less than a 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise imports value but had a combined total of \$79.1 million. (See Graph 6 and Table 5).

**Graph 6: Imports of Main Commodities
September 2020 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

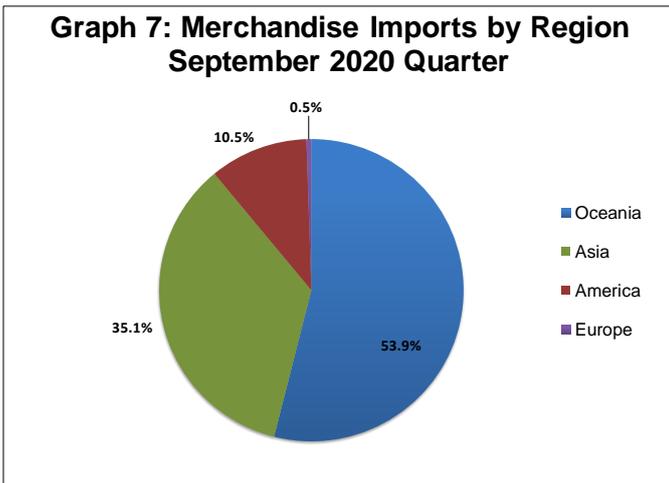
Merchandise Imports by Region

In the September 2020 quarter, imports from the **Oceania** region reported the largest share of total merchandise imports value, with 53.9 percent, increasing 28.7 percent and 4.1 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports from **Asia** recorded a total share of 35.1 percent of total merchandise import value, increasing 9.1 percent from the previous quarter and was much higher than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

America recorded a total share of share of 10.5 percent while **Africa** reported the least share of merchandise imports at 0.001 percent. (See Graph 7 and Table 7).

**Graph 7: Merchandise Imports by Region
September 2020 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 September 2020 quarter, accounting for 32.0 percent (\$66.5 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 34.9 percent from the previous quarter but was 0.7 percent lower than the same quarter of 2019.

Imports from **Singapore** represented 12.5 percent (\$26.0 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 24.9 percent from the previous quarter but decreasing 43.5 percent from the same quarter of 2019.

Imports from **USA** recorded a 10.6 percent (\$21.9 million) of total merchandise import value, increasing 6.8 percent from the previous quarter but 8.5 percent lower the same quarter of 2019.

Imports from **Australia** accounted for 10.1 percent (\$21.1 million) of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 0.8 percent and 6.3 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

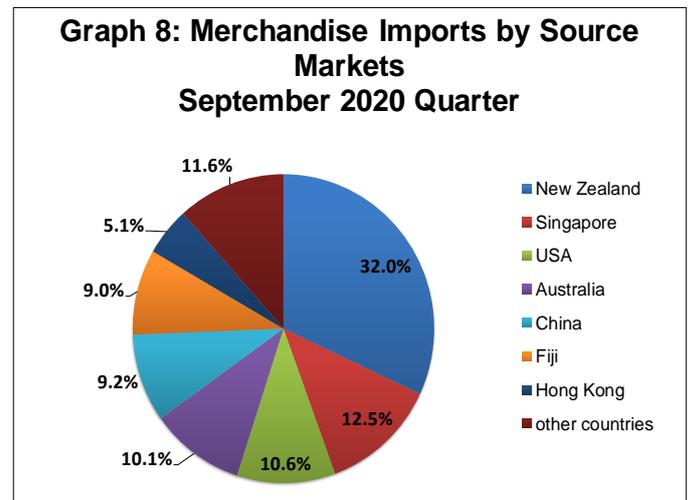
Imports from **China** recorded 9.3 percent (\$19.2 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 45.8 percent and 2.6 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports from **Fiji** represented 9.0 percent (\$18.6 million) of total merchandise import value, increasing 14.6 percent and 11.7 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter 2019 in that order.

Imports from **Hong Kong** accounted for 5.1 percent (\$10.5 million) share of total merchandise imports value, increasing 7.6 percent from the previous quarter but 2.7 percent lower than the same quarter 2019.

Imports from all other countries contributed less than a 3.0 percent share each to total merchandise imports value having a combined share of 11.6 percent. (See Graph 8 and Table 8).

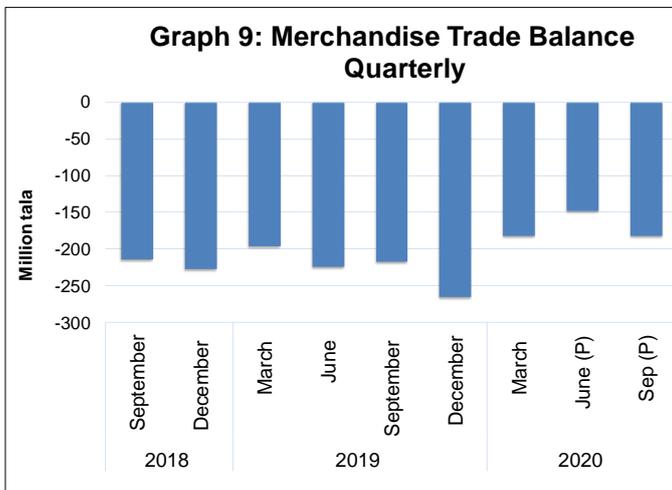
**Graph 8: Merchandise Imports by Source Markets
September 2020 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Trade Balance

In the September 2020 quarter, total value of merchandise imports (\$210.1 million) exceeded that of merchandise exports (\$26.0 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$184.1 million. (See Graph 9 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The December 2020 quarter merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 26th 2021

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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 2020 quarter: (July, August, September 2020)

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

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

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	119,204	939,443	-820,239
	2019 (P)	130,098	1,031,313	-901,215
Quarter				
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
2018	September	36,021	250,123	-214,103
	December	37,276	264,649	-227,373
2019	March	30,683	226,898	-196,215
	June	31,965	255,687	-223,722
	September	34,841	251,566	-216,726
	December	32,608	297,161	-264,553
2020	March	24,478	206,424	-181,945
	June (P)	26,894	175,367	-148,472
	Sep (P)	26,002	210,136	-184,134

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2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

Symbols

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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 2: Exports by main Commodities
Values (000 tala) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

HS Code	Commodity	Quarter											% Change (quarter)			
		Annual			2018			2019				2020			Sep 20 / Jun 20	Sep 20 / Sep 19
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Sep (P)				
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,259	33,836	46,415	7,856	9,678	8,580	15,466	12,690	6,454	8,461	10,204	20.6	-34.0		
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	7,915	1,718	2,080	2,080	2,270	1,847	1,453	2,089	2,751	31.7	21.2		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	32,165	7,108	7,572	7,572	9,525	7,959	6,986	2,258	2,567	13.7	-73.0		
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	1,020	192	15	20	491	493	54	3,367	2,104	-37.5%	328.3%		
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	4,879	677	1,040	1,937	973	929	1,237	4,677	1,929	-58.8	98.1		
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	5,238	2,209	919	1,500	1,425	1,394	1,148	841	1,265	50.3	-11.2		
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	2,024	524	601	513	306	603	578	455	773	69.8	152.2		
24	Tobacco	462	699	1,337	238	238	110	293	696	786	301	722	-37.3	-35.6		
18	Cocoa	638	908	587	226	24	152	224	187	172	88	318	260.1	42.0		
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	371	150	24	181	36	130	198	241	308	-46.0	263.9		
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	12,237	4,132	5,449	5,134	833	821	1,260	541	285	-47.4	-65.8		
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	4,740	548	1,180	1,346	468	1,836	786	181	283	56.4	-39.4		
25	Mineral substances	306	291	325	170	29	139	85	72	44	77	268	-6.6	-15.5		
4	Dairy	160	477	308	3,235	37	70	75	126	110	496	263	-47.1	248.2		
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	554	89	54	154	118	228	116	397	216	-42.5	93.7		
12	Oil seeds	177	477	950	134	42	87	327	494	110	242	212	-12.5	-35.3		
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	845	182	273	148	171	253	196	219	174	15.1	47.7		
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	623	116	92	86	257	188	167	158	152	19.2	-26.7		
64	Footwear	333	464	216	301	110	0	105	1	94	0	103	0.0	-1.4		
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	68	19	2	14	15	36	117	41	84	104.7	445.7		
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	583	351	177	127	94	186	76	57	65	14.8	-31.2		
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	84	79	26	29	26	3	25	31	64	-89.1	-87.1		
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	376	35	99	59	67	152	118	182	54	-16.7	127.5		
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	166	561	16	79	18	54	161	20	52	161.3	193.5		
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	808	213	382	47	39	340	261	54	51	-5.9	30.3		
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	741	553	346	110	94	191	286	35	40	14.9	-57.5		
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	1,005	2,247	337	533	112	23	751	383	39	-89.9	-65.4		
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	481	74	30	257	145	49	296	169	35	-70.9	-66.1		
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	730	63	5	414	217	93	41	6	33	1355.5	-57.0		
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	454	73	23	124	194	112	3	0	22	28369.6	-42.1		
10	Cereals	67	143	105	28	9	23	23	51	49	109	7	-53.8	123.4		
17	Sugar	56	152	61	38	10	20	17	13	9	13	5	2.4	-22.2		
...	Others	3,462	2,937	1,688	496	592	319	329	448	338	703	554	-36.3	36.0		
01-98	Total	112,215	119,204	130,098	37,276	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,698	24,478	26,894	26,002	-3.3	-25.4%		

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

SITC Section	Quarter													% Change (quarter)			
	Annual				2018				2019				2020			Sep 20 / Jun 20	Sep 20 / Sep 19
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Sep (P)		
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	11,092	12,803	14,993	17.1	-24.8
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	1,934	1,143	2,225	94.7	30.3
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,993	2,081	1,017	881	258	274	174	311	228	298	116	239	228	413	434	5.2	274.0
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	6,984	2,258	2,567	13.7	-73.0
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,242	1,398	1,580	2,110	17	425	721	416	3	398	198	1,511	708	8	10	23.2	-94.8
Chemicals & Related Products	249	1,447	1,649	4,021	320	268	587	475	1,257	1,072	840	852	226	3,627	2,487	-31.4	196.1
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	975	2,548	2,904	2,625	555	891	836	623	211	792	572	1,050	565	886	645	-27.2	12.8
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	1,671	4,898	2,150	-56.1	69.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	1,366	2,072	5,577	2,369	239	1,401	1,149	2,787	593	858	671	246	1,071	858	490	-42.9	-27.1
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	-	1	0.0	0
Total	143,755	112,215	119,204	130,098	20,050	25,858	36,021	37,276	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,698	24,478	26,894	26,002	-3.3	-25.4

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3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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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)			
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018				2019				2020			Sep 20 / Jun 20	Sep 20 / Sep 19
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Sep (P)		
Region																	
Africa	18	32	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
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	2,175	3,630	2,537	-30.1	-4.9
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	3,912	3,780	2,076	-45.1	-69.7
Europe	978	635	977	1,055	315	217	229	217	332	218	234	272	1,270	264	135	-48.9	-42.3
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	17,121	19,218	21,254	10.6	-15.3
Other	0	0	84	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Top Countries																	
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	4,149	4,385	5,149	17.4	-7.8
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	2,182	3,208	1,202	-62.5	-48.6
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	6,408	7,306	10,563	44.6	-19.4
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	3,323	767	849	1,561	1,056	832	699	879	913	585	10	99	911.7	-88.7
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	2,688	3,145	2,088	-33.6	-19.5
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	1,767	75	238	390	742	293	428	440	606	656	192	128	-33.2	-70.9
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	8,152	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	945	1,665	2,836	2,706	1,680	916	1,574	71.8	-44.5
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	5,640	1,333	1,087	978	597	969	545	2,098	2,028	816	2,506	1,312	-47.7	-37.5
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	2,064	425	231	434	481	398	591	625	450	42	31	30	-2.5	-95.2
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	2,076	3,546	2,577	-27.3	0.6
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	3,195	1,648	1,280	-22.3	-28.3
Total	143,755	112,215	119,204	130,097	20,050	25,858	36,021	37,276	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,608	24,478	26,893	26,002	9.9	-15.9

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

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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) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

HS Code	Commodity	Quarter										% Change (quarter)	
		Annual			2019				2020			Sep 20 /Jun 20	Sep 20 /Sep 19
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (P)	Sep (P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	144,208	178,467	182,429	48,549	35,552	45,460	52,868	40,676	21,040	26,211	24.6	-42.3
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	69,433	10,990	17,500	20,117	20,825	15,733	14,890	16,455	10.5	-18.2
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	94,809	17,185	30,484	20,790	26,350	13,809	10,679	15,891	48.8	-23.6
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	65,448	9,417	14,648	22,637	18,746	12,244	11,614	14,925	28.5	-34.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	69,003	19,375	15,846	11,958	21,824	15,463	11,000	11,223	2.0	-6.1
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	54,211	15,404	11,851	12,163	14,794	10,739	4,400	10,335	134.9	-15.0
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	34,940	6,266	8,673	8,132	11,869	3,652	4,899	8,783	79.3	8.0
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	31,626	6,802	8,535	7,533	8,756	6,912	7,822	7,945	1.6	5.5
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	29,417	7,080	7,065	6,820	8,453	6,305	7,668	6,624	-13.6	-2.9
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	18,956	4,815	4,311	3,543	6,287	2,755	3,025	6,350	109.9	79.2
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	11,484	2,895	1,995	3,346	3,248	3,502	2,683	6,270	133.7	87.4
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	19,612	4,481	3,852	4,674	6,605	5,551	5,510	5,225	-5.2	11.8
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	29,660	6,439	7,858	6,986	8,377	4,829	5,064	4,952	-2.2	-29.1
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	17,234	4,080	4,449	4,144	4,561	3,727	3,388	4,606	36.0	11.1
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	13,049	2,390	3,357	3,341	3,960	2,046	3,874	4,365	12.7	30.6
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	15,459	3,205	3,777	4,136	4,341	2,779	3,509	3,978	13.4	-3.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	18,038	3,609	4,287	5,016	5,127	3,987	3,673	3,728	1.5	-25.7
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	12,662	2,558	2,972	3,377	3,756	3,407	3,934	3,506	-10.9	3.8
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	12,875	2,280	3,421	4,126	3,048	2,213	2,287	3,477	52.1	-15.7
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	17,788	3,737	5,631	3,491	4,929	2,484	1,749	3,389	93.8	-2.9
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	9,391	1,752	2,268	2,850	2,521	1,557	2,525	2,827	12.0	-0.8
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	10,569	3,582	2,465	2,087	2,435	2,333	2,831	2,366	-16.5	13.4
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	8,136	1,661	2,050	2,435	1,990	1,621	2,535	2,231	-12.0	-8.4
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	9,952	2,122	2,631	2,538	2,660	2,032	2,214	2,147	-3.0	-15.4
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	9,474	2,264	2,510	2,163	2,537	2,124	1,873	2,000	6.8	-7.5
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	7,967	1,721	2,198	1,852	2,197	1,503	2,137	1,903	-11.0	2.7
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipm	9,492	9,316	9,520	2,742	2,066	1,303	3,410	2,803	8,531	1,771	-79.2	36.0
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	9,913	2,508	2,437	2,366	2,602	1,518	1,318	1,653	25.5	-30.1
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	10,060	2,511	3,117	1,378	3,054	1,963	1,125	1,613	43.3	17.1
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	7,978	1,490	1,721	2,500	2,267	1,818	1,474	1,520	3.1	-39.2
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	12,034	1,953	2,805	3,618	3,658	1,060	845	1,465	73.4	-59.5
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	7,104	1,488	2,279	1,027	2,310	864	1,338	1,421	6.3	38.4
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	4,750	1,081	1,229	1,056	1,384	1,215	1,311	1,274	-2.8	20.7
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	5,931	1,727	1,158	1,468	1,578	1,938	572	1,268	121.8	-13.7
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	5,949	1,300	1,048	1,521	2,081	1,404	1,242	1,073	-13.6	-29.5
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	7,400	1,133	2,079	2,208	1,980	1,156	1,211	1,011	-16.5	-54.2
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	3,567	897	842	854	973	506	572	974	70.4	14.0
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	3,723	722	820	961	1,219	660	628	974	55.0	1.3
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	6,916	1,624	1,689	1,540	2,063	2,147	644	905	40.6	-41.2
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	8,846	432	6,179	907	1,328	419	494	865	74.9	-4.7
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	7,168	1,868	1,364	1,692	2,243	1,091	499	767	53.9	-54.6
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	4,342	938	1,393	846	1,165	1,023	228	755	230.5	-10.9
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	5,262	564	2,245	991	1,462	621	562	748	33.3	-24.5
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	2,164	580	436	612	536	540	429	658	53.6	7.5
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	2,424	431	526	830	637	506	493	629	27.7	-24.2
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	4,342	678	1,290	1,294	1,080	740	540	567	5.0	-56.2
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	2,332	719	807	343	463	508	459	468	1.9	36.2
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	2,521	364	531	499	1,128	511	449	332	-25.9	-33.3
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	3,380	392	693	1,652	643	3,146	416	292	-29.7	-82.3
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	1,198	146	334	340	378	243	240	236	-1.8	-30.6
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	3,120	559	1,004	1,031	526	959	605	234	-61.3	-77.3
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	817	355	107	246	110	600	42	63	49.1	-74.3
...	Others	14,616	12,482	14,930	3,034	5,305	2,768	3,823	2,482	2,281	4,889	114.3	76.7
01-98	Total	900,997	939,443	1,031,313	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	175,366	210,136	19.8%	-16.5

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

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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)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter												% Change (quarter)	
	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018			2019				2020			Sep 20 / Jun 20	Sep 20 / Sep 19		
				Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)	Jun (P)	Sep (P)				
Food & Live Animal	232,794	249,568	246,220	58,856	63,638	72,640	49,630	59,256	64,850	72,483	55,446	57,112	62,915	10.2	-3.0		
Beverages & Tobacco	11,548	11,226	10,100	2,571	2,530	2,928	1,615	3,013	3,050	2,422	1,992	2,021	1,103	-45.4	-63.8		
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	24,438	31,810	35,063	8,384	9,624	10,117	7,055	10,068	7,696	10,244	3,611	5,111	8,731	70.8	13.5		
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	143,389	173,370	175,246	46,306	52,854	42,956	45,377	32,563	44,806	52,499	39,806	19,635	25,249	28.6	-43.6		
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,766	6,144	5,940	1,631	1,574	1,810	1,254	1,432	1,854	1,399	1,139	2,059	1,730	-16.0	-6.7		
Chemicals & Related Products	62,072	70,209	69,884	15,467	18,540	19,948	14,426	17,496	18,994	18,967	13,886	15,345	16,356	6.6	-13.9		
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	148,194	139,555	159,098	31,857	34,990	42,421	40,546	39,243	33,494	45,815	30,437	20,214	33,588	66.2	0.3		
Machinery & Transport Equipment	178,973	175,742	230,974	44,296	44,786	46,448	46,207	62,158	55,595	67,015	41,971	36,586	42,261	15.5	-24.0		
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	93,809	81,783	98,777	18,277	21,585	25,362	20,783	30,455	21,225	26,313	18,131	17,269	16,188	-6.3	-23.7		
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	13	35	11	7	2	18	4	2	2	4	4	15	14	-10.0	490.9		
Total	900,997	939,443	1,031,313	227,652	250,123	264,649	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	175,366	208,136	18.7	-17.3		

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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 BEC³
Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Economic Category	ANNUAL			QUARTER												
	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018				2019				2020				
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (P)	Sep (P)		
1* Food and Beverage																
11* Primary																
111* Mainly for industry	1,598	1,389	1,479	350	308	360	370	266	273	276	664	2,035	1,139	1,379		
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	6,443	6,964	6,531		
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	5,787	8,497	9,641		
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	41,613	41,869	45,810		
2* Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified																
21* Primary	7,983	10,452	12,055	1,501	2,097	4,406	2,448	4,469	4,218	2,100	1,268	1,498	2,180	1,805		
22* Processed	227,739	202,543	234,117	41,218	47,833	50,774	62,719	55,131	58,278	53,068	67,641	45,582	33,378	49,530		
3* Fuels and Lubricants																
31* Primary	508	2,151	2,154	204	745	606	597	450	660	560	484	206	-	245		
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	12,051	7,714	8,766		
322* Other	74,644	94,224	114,425	15,851	23,157	25,291	29,925	27,058	20,409	30,835	36,124	27,227	11,639	15,938		
Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories																
4* thereof																
41* Capital goods (except transport equipment)	74,917	77,145	99,670	18,823	18,555	20,542	19,226	22,493	19,928	24,940	32,309	15,874	24,575	17,639		
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	8,737	4,041	5,552		
5* Transport Equipment and Parts and Accessories thereof																
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	5,044	4,896	6,273		
521* Industrial	29,168	37,022	49,927	7,507	9,100	9,366	11,049	9,429	19,144	9,158	12,196	7,920	4,674	7,820		
522* Non-industrial	1,174	1,170	1,656	278	254	296	342	118	983	229	326	122	497	282		
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	3,350	3,411	4,017		
6* Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified																
61* Durable	16,741	17,249	19,990	3,722	4,311	5,211	4,004	3,226	5,388	4,868	6,509	3,791	2,606	5,618		
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	6,535	6,420	7,313		
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	12,166	10,837	13,963		
7* Goods Not Elsewhere Specified	97	19	327	5	3	5	6	3	141	1	182	442	28	15		
TOTAL IMPORTS	900,997	939,443	1,031,313	197,020	227,652	250,123	264,649	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	175,366	208,137		
of which																
Capital goods ⁴	104,085	114,167	149,597	26,330	27,655	29,907	30,276	31,922	39,072	34,099	44,505	23,794	29,249	25,459		
Intermediate goods ⁵	392,619	383,756	441,366	76,509	93,160	99,541	114,546	102,961	105,775	106,157	126,473	94,422	64,286	88,107		
Consumption goods ⁶	311,148	338,741	343,945	74,108	77,797	87,846	98,990	67,900	90,125	87,706	98,215	70,671	69,193	79,517		

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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

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

Values (in '000 Tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
					2018		2019				2020			Sep 20 / Jun 20	Sep 20 / Sep 19
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Sep (P)		
Region															
Africa	17	47	195	41	137	20	14	13	14	1	128	20	2	-90.1	-85.3
America	95,957	103,318	95,229	93,527	25,110	29,237	14,817	23,889	24,466	30,356	21,273	21,099	21,787	3.3	-10.9
Asia	381,432	383,539	427,408	489,645	115,411	124,606	115,666	118,254	116,515	139,211	97,992	66,918	72,990	9.1	-37.4
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	10,952	2,485	867	3,778	3,002	2,712	1,460	1,445	123	1,080	777.7	-60.2
Oceania	408,679	388,321	408,355	437,147	106,981	109,918	92,623	110,530	107,860	126,134	85,587	87,206	112,276	28.7	4.1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Top Countries															
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	270,086	67,170	69,035	58,979	67,945	66,967	76,195	51,679	49,333	66,527	34.9	-0.7
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	93,043	24,200	23,629	20,226	24,614	22,525	25,678	18,864	21,278	21,109	-0.8	-6.3
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	66,895	13,041	15,636	12,301	16,430	16,715	21,449	12,478	16,283	18,663	14.6	11.7
USA	92,621	100,314	92,867	90,688	24,884	28,321	14,303	22,877	24,007	29,502	21,512	20,570	21,968	6.8	-8.5
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	127,719	22,120	30,281	30,374	46,946	18,765	31,635	20,082	13,209	19,259	45.8	2.6
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	50,131	12,327	16,629	13,141	10,356	10,832	15,801	9,636	9,796	10,539	7.6	-2.7
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	11,160	2,835	3,960	3,055	2,595	2,779	2,731	1,830	2,785	2,104	-24.5	-24.3
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	40,280	10,947	10,770	7,551	7,610	12,028	13,091	9,051	10,002	5,678	-43.2	-52.8
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	9,788	1,379	2,177	1,685	3,020	2,084	3,000	2,838	1,147	1,393	21.5	-33.1
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	1,990	164	448	662	460	518	350	134	89	191	115.4	-63.1
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	174,133	53,038	42,053	44,569	32,651	46,023	50,890	43,310	20,833	26,010	24.9	-43.5
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	28,481	5,463	8,496	7,662	5,424	5,816	9,578	5,266	4,077	5,348	31.2	-8.1
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	12,268	856	1,498	1,229	1,237	8,062	1,740	220	165	266	60.7	-96.7
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	4,783	1,063	1,786	965	370	409	3,039	1,167	972	1,068	9.8	160.8
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	19,583	3,133	4,943	2,526	5,471	6,186	5,400	3,664	2,237	4,126	84.5	-33.3
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	580	120	143	285	167	34	95	10	92	94	2.3	179.3
Tonga	2,248	187	489	296	146	238	58	38	140	59	565	45	92	103.8	-34.4
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	4,551	915	283	982	273	1,583	1,713	555	371	609	64.2	-61.5
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	5,035	723	1,214	956	1,385	1,203	1,490	970	939	630	-32.8	-47.6
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	19,824	5,601	3,106	5,389	5,820	4,889	3,726	2,592	1,144	2,463	115.3	-49.6
Total	899,005	900,997	939,443	1,031,313	250,123	264,649	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	175,366	208,136	18.7	-17.3

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.)