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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### OVERSEAS MERCHANDISE TRADE June 2020 quarter

#### Highlights of the quarter

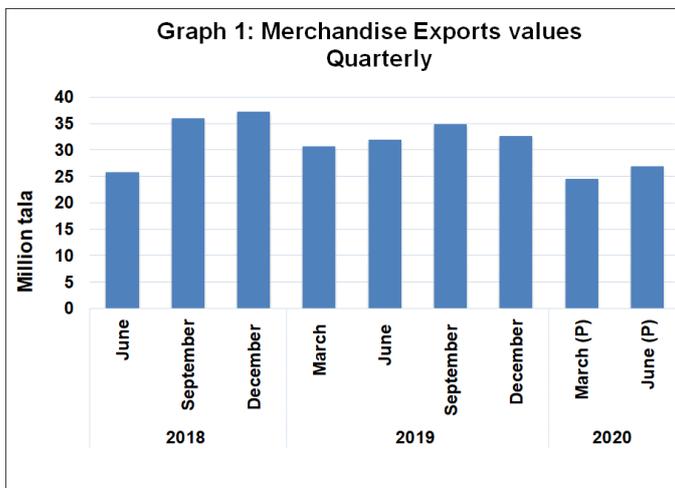
(June 2020 quarter compared with Mar 2020 quarter)

- Total merchandise exports rose 10.0 percent to \$26.9 million.
- Total merchandise imports decreased 15.0 percent to \$175.4 million.
- The trade deficit for the June 2020 quarter stands at \$148.5 million.

#### Overview

##### Value of Merchandise Exports

In the June 2020 quarter, the total value of merchandise exports stood at \$26.9 million. This value was 10.0 percent higher from the previous quarter but 15.9 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019. (See Graph 1 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending June 2020 showed a 12.6 percent decrease in the total value of merchandise exports when compared with the four quarters ending June 2019.

#### Exports of Main Commodities

In the June 2020 quarter, **fish, crustaceans and molluscs** remained the top commodity group exported, valued at \$8.5 million (31.5 percent of total merchandise exports value). This value was 31.1 percent higher from the previous quarter but 1.4 percent lower than the same quarter 2019.

Exports of **Electrical machinery and equipment** products followed with a total value of \$4.7 million (17.4 percent of total merchandise exports value), increasing more than three-times from the previous quarter and more than two-fold (141.5 percent) from the corresponding quarter of 2019.

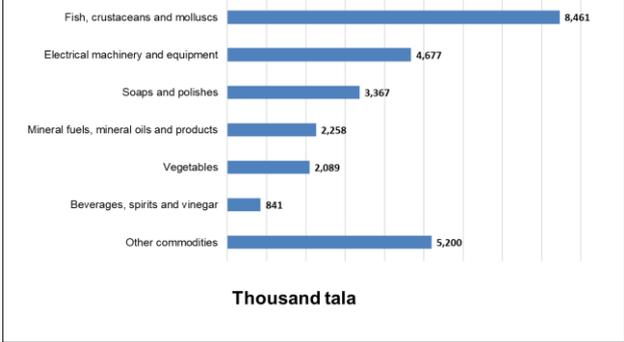
The value of **Soaps and polishes** export products went up to \$3.4 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 12.5 percent of total merchandise exports value while exports of **Mineral fuels, mineral oil** followed with a total value of \$2.3 million (8.4 percent of total merchandise exports value), decreasing 68.0 percent from the previous quarter and 70.2 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2019.

The value of **Vegetable** exports went up 44.0 percent (to \$2.1 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 7.8 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of vegetable product exports increased 0.4 percent.

The value of **Beverage, spirits and vinegar** exports declined 26.7 percent (to \$0.8 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 3.1 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of beverage, spirit and vinegar decreased 43.9 percent.

All '**other export commodities**' contributed less than a 3.0 percent share each to total merchandise exports value having a combined total of \$5.2 million. (See Graph 2 and table 2).

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



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Merchandise Exports by Region**

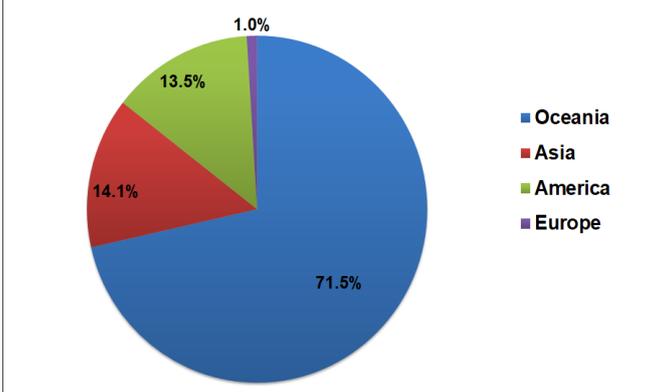
In the June 2020 quarter, exports to **Oceania** recorded the largest share of total merchandise exports value, with 71.5 percent, increasing 12.2 percent from the previous quarter but was 15.3 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Exports to the **Asia** region recorded a 14.1 percent share of the total merchandise exports, decreasing 3.4 percent from the previous quarter and 23.1 percent from the same quarter of 2019.

The **America** region recorded total merchandise exports share of 13.5 percent, increasing 66.9 percent from the previous quarter but was 12.3 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Exports to **Europe** recorded a total share of 1.0 percent, decreasing 79.2 percent from the previous quarter but was 21.3 percent higher than the same quarter of 2019. (See Graph 3 and Table 4).

**Graph 3: Merchandise Exports by Region  
June 2020 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 June 2020 quarter, accounting for 27.2 percent (\$7.3 million) of total merchandise exports value. This value was 14.0 percent higher than the previous quarter but 5.8 percent lower than the same quarter of 2019.

Exports to **New Zealand** recorded a total share of 16.3 percent (\$4.4 million), increasing 5.7 percent from the previous quarter but 22.9 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

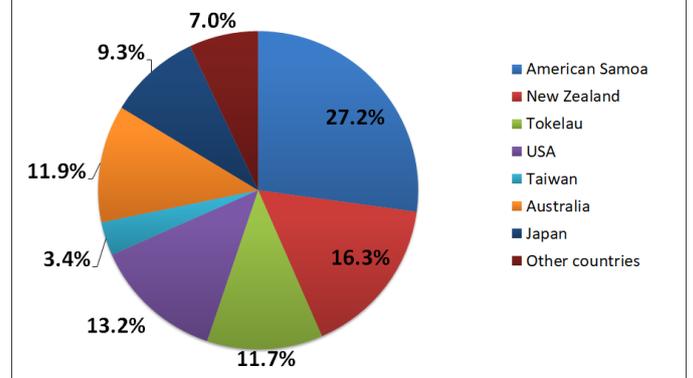
Exports to **USA** recorded an increase of 70.8 percent from the previous quarter but 3.8 percent lower than the same quarter of 2019.

Exports to **Australia** and **Tokelau** had a total share of 12.0 percent each. Australia recorded an increase of 47.0 percent from the previous quarter but an 8.6 percent decline from the same quarter of 2019. Tokelau recorded an increase of 17.0 percent and 7.8 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

Exports to **Japan** represented 9.3 percent of total merchandise exports value, increasing three-fold from the previous quarter and more than four times from the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Exports to **Taiwan** recorded a 3.4 percent share of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 45.5 percent and 45.0 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively. All other countries of destination accounted for less than a 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise exports value having a combined share of 7.0 percent. (See Graph 4 and table 4).

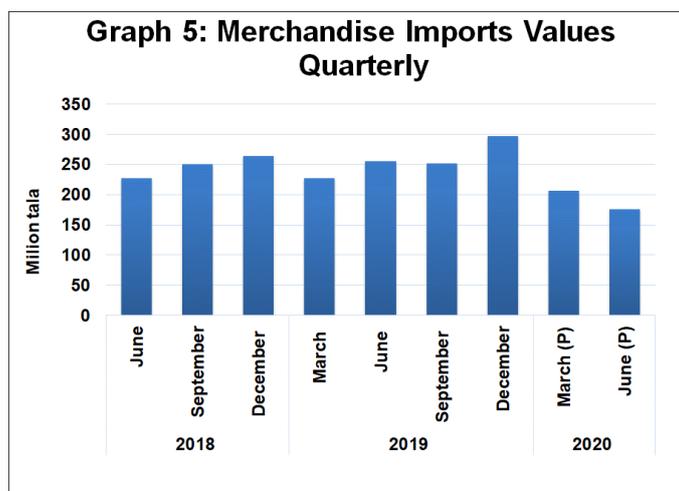
**Graph 4: Merchandise Exports by Countries of Destination  
June 2020 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Value of Merchandise Imports

In the June 2020 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$175.4 million. This value was 15.0 percent and 31.4 percent lower than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively. (See Graph 5 and Table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending June 2020 showed a 6.7 percent increase in the total value of merchandise imports when compared with the four quarters ending June 2019.

## Import of Main Commodities

**Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products** remained the top commodity groups imported in the June 2020 quarter, valued at \$21.0 million (19.7 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 48.3 percent and 40.8 percent lower than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports of **Meat and edible meat offal** decreased 5.4 percent from the previous quarter valued at \$14.9 million (8.5 percent of total merchandise import value). When compared with the same quarter of 2019 imported meat fell 14.9 percent (to \$17.5 million).

Imports of **Mechanical machinery and equipment** were valued at \$11.6 million (6.6 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 5.1 percent from the previous quarter and 20.7 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Imports of **Electrical machinery and equipment** registered a total value of \$11.0 million (6.3 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 28.9 percent and 30.6 percent from the previous

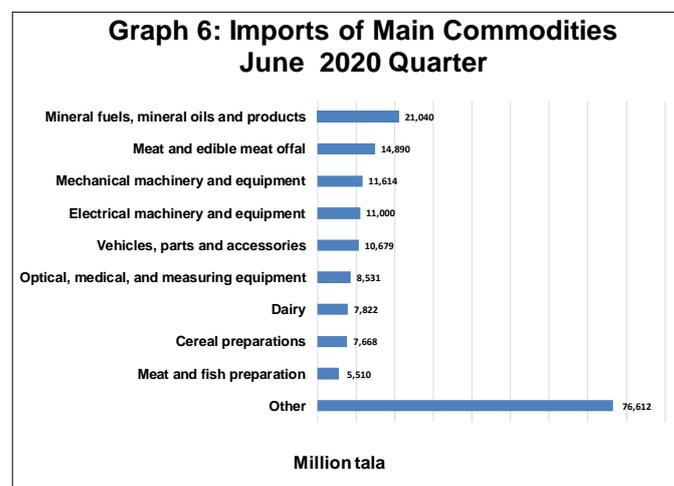
quarter and the corresponding quarter a year ago respectively.

A total value of \$10.7 million was recorded for imports of **Vehicles, parts and accessories** representing 6.1 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 22.7 percent and 65.0 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Import of **Optical, medical, and measuring equipment** reported a total value of \$8.5 million (4.9 percent of total merchandise import value), increasing 204 percent and 313 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports of **dairy and cereal preparations** increased from the previous quarter valued at \$7.8 million (4.5 percent of total merchandise import value) and \$7.7 million (4.4 percent of total merchandise imports value) respectively. Imported dairy products rose 13.2 percent from the previous quarter but was 8.4 lower than June 2019 quarter while cereal preparation products grew 21.6 percent and 8.5 percent from March 2020 and June 2019 quarters respectively.

**Meat and fish preparation** imports recorded a total of \$5.5 million (3.1 percent of total merchandise import value). This value as 0.7 percent lower than the previous quarter but was 43.0 percent higher than the same quarter in 2019. 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 \$76.6 million. (See Graph 6 and Table 5).



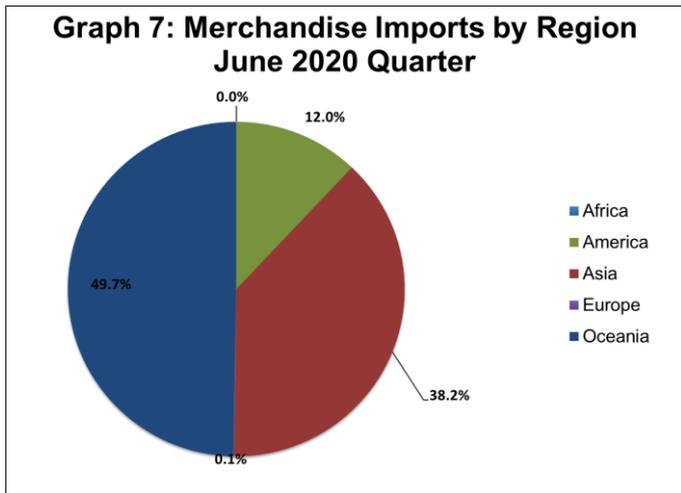
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**Merchandise Imports by Region**

In the June 2020 quarter, imports from the **Oceania** region recorded the largest share of total merchandise imports value, with 49.7 percent, increasing 1.9 percent from the previous quarter but was 21.1 percent lower when compared with the same quarter of 2019.

Imports from **Asia** recorded a total share of 38.2 percent of total merchandise import value, decreasing 31.7 percent from the previous quarter and 43.4 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2019.

**America** recorded a total share of 12.0 percent while Africa reported the least share of merchandise imports at 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 market for merchandise imports in the June 2020 quarter, accounting for 28.1 percent (\$49.3 million) of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 4.5 percent and 27.4 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports from **Australia** accounted for 12.1 percent (\$21.3 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 12.8 percent from the previous quarter but decreasing 13.6 percent from the same quarter of 2019.

Imports from **Singapore** represented 11.9 percent (\$20.8 million) of total merchandise import value, decreasing 51.9 percent and 36.2 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports from **USA** recorded a 11.7 percent (\$20.6 million) share of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 4.4 percent and 10.1 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports from **Fiji** accounted for 9.3 percent (\$16.3 million) of total merchandise imports value,

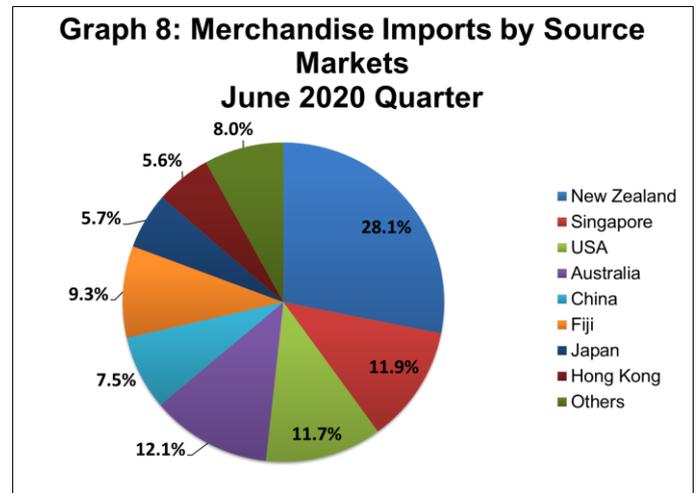
increasing 30.5 percent from the previous quarter but 0.9 percent lower than the same quarter 2019.

**China** imports accounted for 7.5 percent (\$13.2 million) of total merchandise import value, decreasing 34.2 percent and 71.9 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

Imports from **Japan** accounted for 5.7 percent (\$10.0 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 10.5 percent and 31.4 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019.

Imports from **Hong Kong** accounted for 5.6 percent (\$9.8 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 1.7 percent from the previous quarter but 5.4 percent lower than the corresponding 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 8.0 percent. (See Graph 8 and Table 8).

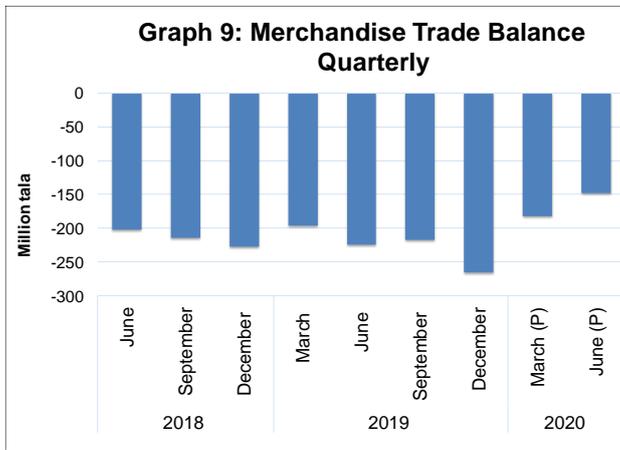


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Merchandise Trade Balance**

In the June 2020 quarter, total value of merchandise imports (\$175.4 million) exceeded that of merchandise exports (\$26.8 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$148.5 million.

(See Graph 9 and Table 1).



**Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics**

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The September 2020 quarter merchandise trade report is expected to be available on November 15<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**

June 2020 quarter: (April, May, June 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 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>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	32,608	297,161	-264,553
<b>2020</b>	March (P)	24,478	206,424	-181,945
	June (P)	26,894	175,366	-148,472
<b>Month</b>				
<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(*)	9,740	101,432	-91,692
	December	9,870	100,218	-90,348
<b>2020</b>	January	9,900	54,741	-44,841
	February	7,300	74,938	-67,638
	March	7,278	76,745	-69,467
	April	11,088	62,770	-51,682
	May (P)	7,924	53,370	-45,446
	June (P)	7,882	59,226	-51,344

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**Table 2: Exports by main Commodities**

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

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter								% Change (quarter)	
					2018			2019				2020		
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (P)	Jun20 /Mar20	Jun 20 / Jun 19	
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	31.1	-1.4	
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	32,165	9,312	7,108	7,572	9,525	7,959	6,986	2,258	-67.7	-70.2	
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	12,237	4,132	5,449	5,134	833	821	1,260	541	-57.1	-89.5	
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	7,915	2,155	1,718	2,080	2,270	1,847	1,453	2,089	43.8	0.4	
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	5,238	2,209	919	1,500	1,425	1,394	1,148	841	-26.7	-43.9	
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	583	351	177	127	94	186	76	57	-25.3	-55.3	
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	1,005	2,247	337	533	112	23	751	383	-49.1	-28.3	
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	4,879	677	1,040	1,937	973	929	1,237	4,677	278.2	141.5	
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	4,740	548	1,180	1,346	468	1,746	786	181	-77.0	-86.6	
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	2,024	524	601	513	306	603	578	455	-21.2	-11.3	
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	166	561	16	79	18	54	161	20	-87.6	-74.6	
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	741	553	346	110	94	191	286	35	-87.8	-68.4	
18	Cocoa	638	908	587	226	24	152	224	187	172	88	-48.5	-41.9	
24	Tobacco	462	699	1,337	238	238	110	293	696	786	301	-61.7	175.0	
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	808	213	382	47	39	340	261	54	-79.2	16.4	
12	Oil seeds	177	477	950	134	42	87	327	494	110	242	119.5	178.5	
4	Dairy	160	477	308	3,235	37	70	75	126	110	496	351.6	613.5	
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	68	19	2	14	15	36	117	41	-65.1	187.1	
64	Footwear	333	464	216	301	110	0	105	1	94	0	-100.0	-100.0	
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	376	35	99	59	67	152	118	182	53.5	206.5	
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	845	182	273	148	171	253	196	219	11.8	48.2	
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	371	150	24	181	36	130	198	241	21.5	33.1	
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	481	74	30	257	145	49	296	169	-42.9	-34.3	
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	623	116	92	86	257	188	167	158	-5.2	83.4	
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	454	73	23	124	194	112	3	0	-86.8	-99.7	
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	730	63	5	414	217	93	41	6	-84.2	-98.4	
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	554	89	54	154	118	228	116	397	242.0	158.1	
25	Mineral substances	306	291	325	170	29	139	85	72	44	77	73.8	-44.5	
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	1,020	192	15	20	491	493	54	3,367	6188.3	16695.7	
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	84	79	26	29	26	3	25	31	26.2	6.8	
17	Sugar	56	152	61	38	10	20	17	13	9	13	53.2	-35.7	
10	Cereals	67	143	105	28	9	23	23	51	49	109	123.0	381.2	
...	Others	3,462	2,937	1,688	496	592	319	329	448	338	703	108.0	120.1	
<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>24,478</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-15.9</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				2020					
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (P)	Jun 20 / Mar 20	Jun 20 / Jun 19		
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	15.4	-25.9		
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	-40.9	-29.0		
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,993	2,081	1,017	881	258	274	174	311	228	298	116	239	228	413	81.2	38.4		
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	-67.7	-70.2		
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,242	1,398	1,580	2,110	17	425	721	416	3	398	198	1,511	708	8	-98.8	-97.9		
Chemicals & Related Products	249	1,447	1,649	4,021	320	268	587	475	1,257	1,072	840	852	226	3,627	1508.3	238.3		
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	975	2,548	2,904	2,625	555	891	836	623	211	792	572	1,050	565	886	56.8	11.8		
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	193.1	135.4		
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	-19.9	-0.1		
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	-	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>24,478</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-15.9</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)	
	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018				2019				2020		Jun 20 /Mar 20	Jun 20 / Jun 19
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (P)		
<b>Region</b>															
Africa	32	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	0	0	0.0	0.0
America	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	66.9	-12.3
Asia	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	-3.4	-23.1
Europe	635	977	1,055	315	217	229	217	332	218	234	272	1,270	264	-79.2	21.3
Oceania	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	12.2	-15.3
Other	0	84	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>															
New Zealand	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	5.7	-22.9
Australia	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	47.0	-8.6
American Samoa	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	14.0	-5.8
Fiji	4,496	4,234	3,323	767	849	1,561	1,056	832	699	879	913	585	10	-98.3	-98.6
Tokelau	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	17.0	7.8
China	1,281	1,446	1,767	75	238	390	742	293	428	440	606	656	192	-70.8	-55.2
Taiwan	6,038	8,716	8,152	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	945	1,665	2,836	2,706	1,680	916	-45.5	-45.0
Japan	4,028	3,995	5,640	1,333	1,087	978	597	969	545	2,098	2,028	816	2,506	207.3	359.5
Singapore	978	1,571	2,064	425	231	434	481	398	591	625	450	42	31	-27.2	-94.8
USA	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	70.8	-3.8
Other countries	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	-48.4	-63.2
<b>Total</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>24,478</b>	<b>26,893</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-15.9</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.

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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			2019				2020		Jun 20 /Mar 20	Jun 20 /Jun 19
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (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	-48.3	-40.8
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	69,433	10,990	17,500	20,117	20,825	15,733	14,890	-5.4	-14.9
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	65,448	9,417	14,648	22,637	18,746	12,244	11,614	-5.1	-20.7
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	69,003	19,375	15,846	11,958	21,824	15,463	11,000	-28.9	-30.6
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	94,809	17,185	30,484	20,790	26,350	13,809	10,679	-22.7	-65.0
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipment	9,492	9,316	9,520	2,742	2,066	1,303	3,410	2,803	8,531	204.4	313.0
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	31,626	6,802	8,535	7,533	8,756	6,912	7,822	13.2	-8.4
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	29,417	7,080	7,065	6,820	8,453	6,305	7,668	21.6	8.5
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	19,612	4,481	3,852	4,674	6,605	5,551	5,510	-0.7	43.0
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	29,660	6,439	7,858	6,986	8,377	4,829	5,064	4.9	-35.6
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	34,940	6,266	8,673	8,132	11,869	3,652	4,899	34.1	-43.5
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	54,211	15,404	11,851	12,163	14,794	10,739	4,400	-59.0	-62.9
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	12,662	2,558	2,972	3,377	3,756	3,407	3,934	15.5	32.4
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	13,049	2,390	3,357	3,341	3,960	2,046	3,874	89.4	15.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	18,038	3,609	4,287	5,016	5,127	3,987	3,673	-7.9	-14.3
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	15,459	3,205	3,777	4,136	4,341	2,779	3,509	26.3	-7.1
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	17,234	4,080	4,449	4,144	4,561	3,727	3,388	-9.1	-23.9
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	18,956	4,815	4,311	3,543	6,287	2,755	3,025	9.8	-29.8
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	10,569	3,582	2,465	2,087	2,435	2,333	2,831	21.3	14.9
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	11,484	2,895	1,995	3,346	3,248	3,502	2,683	-23.4	34.5
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	8,136	1,661	2,050	2,435	1,990	1,621	2,535	56.4	23.7
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	9,391	1,752	2,268	2,850	2,521	1,557	2,525	62.1	11.3
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	12,875	2,280	3,421	4,126	3,048	2,213	2,287	3.3	-33.2
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	9,952	2,122	2,631	2,538	2,660	2,032	2,214	9.0	-15.9
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	7,967	1,721	2,198	1,852	2,197	1,503	2,137	42.2	-2.7
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	9,474	2,264	2,510	2,163	2,537	2,124	1,873	-11.8	-25.4
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	17,788	3,737	5,631	3,491	4,929	2,484	1,749	-29.6	-68.9
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	7,978	1,490	1,721	2,500	2,267	1,818	1,474	-18.9	-14.3
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	7,104	1,488	2,279	1,027	2,310	864	1,338	54.8	-41.3
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	9,913	2,508	2,437	2,366	2,602	1,518	1,318	-13.2	-45.9
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	4,750	1,081	1,229	1,056	1,384	1,215	1,311	7.9	6.7
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	5,949	1,300	1,048	1,521	2,081	1,404	1,242	-11.6	18.5
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	7,400	1,133	2,079	2,208	1,980	1,156	1,211	4.7	-41.7
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	10,060	2,511	3,117	1,378	3,054	1,963	1,125	-42.7	-63.9
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	12,034	1,953	2,805	3,618	3,658	1,060	845	-20.4	-69.9
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	6,916	1,624	1,689	1,540	2,063	2,147	644	-70.0	-61.9
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	3,723	722	820	961	1,219	660	628	-4.8	-23.4
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	3,120	559	1,004	1,031	526	959	605	-37.0	-39.8
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	3,567	897	842	854	973	506	572	13.0	-32.1
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	5,931	1,727	1,158	1,468	1,578	1,938	572	-70.5	-50.6
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	5,262	564	2,245	991	1,462	621	562	-9.6	-75.0
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	4,342	678	1,290	1,294	1,080	740	540	-27.0	-58.2
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	7,168	1,868	1,364	1,692	2,243	1,091	499	-54.3	-63.4
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	8,846	432	6,179	907	1,328	419	494	18.1	-92.0
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	2,424	431	526	830	637	506	493	-2.5	-6.2
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	2,332	719	807	343	463	508	459	-9.7	-43.1
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	2,521	364	531	499	1,128	511	449	-12.2	-15.5
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	2,164	580	436	612	536	540	429	-20.7	-1.8
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	3,380	392	693	1,652	643	3,146	416	-86.8	-40.0
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	1,198	146	334	340	378	243	240	-1.1	-28.3
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	4,342	938	1,393	846	1,165	1,023	228	-77.7	-83.6
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	817	355	107	246	110	600	42	-92.9	-60.2
...	Others	14,616	12,482	14,930	3,034	5,305	2,768	3,823	2,482	2,281	-8.1	-57.0
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>206,424</b>	<b>175,366</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-31.4</b>

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

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

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter												% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019				2020				Jun 20 /	Jun 20 /
	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)	Jun (P)	Mar 20	Jun 19		
Food & Live Animal	232,794	249,568	246,220	54,434	58,856	63,638	72,640	49,630	59,256	64,850	72,483	55,446	57,112	3.0	-3.6		
Beverages & Tobacco	11,548	11,226	10,100	3,197	2,571	2,530	2,928	1,615	3,013	3,050	2,422	1,992	2,021	1.4	-32.9		
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	24,438	31,810	35,063	3,685	8,384	9,624	10,117	7,055	10,068	7,696	10,244	3,611	5,111	41.5	-49.2		
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	143,389	173,370	175,246	31,254	46,306	52,854	42,956	45,377	32,563	44,806	52,499	39,806	19,635	-50.7	-39.7		
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,766	6,144	5,940	1,129	1,631	1,574	1,810	1,254	1,432	1,854	1,399	1,139	2,059	80.8	43.8		
Chemicals & Related Products	62,072	70,209	69,884	16,255	15,467	18,540	19,948	14,426	17,496	18,994	18,967	13,886	15,345	10.5	-12.3		
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	148,194	139,555	159,098	30,287	31,857	34,990	42,421	40,546	39,243	33,494	45,815	30,437	20,214	-33.6	-48.5		
Machinery & Transport Equipment	178,973	175,742	230,974	40,213	44,296	44,786	46,448	46,207	62,158	55,595	67,015	41,971	36,586	-12.8	-41.1		
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	93,809	81,783	98,777	16,559	18,277	21,585	25,362	20,783	30,455	21,225	26,313	18,131	17,269	-4.8	-43.3		
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	13	35	11	7	7	2	18	4	2	2	4	4	15	285.3	681.4		
<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>206,424</b>	<b>175,366</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-31.4</b>		

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2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

**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 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				2020			
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (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	2,035	1,139		
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		
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		
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		
<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	1,498	2,180		
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		
<b>3* Fuels and Lubricants</b>															
31* Primary	508	2,151	2,154	204	745	606	597	450	660	560	484	206	-		
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		
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		
<b>Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories</b>															
<b>4* thereof</b>															
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		
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		
<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	5,044	4,896		
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		
522* Non-industrial	1,174	1,170	1,656	278	254	296	342	118	983	229	326	122	497		
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		
<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	3,791	2,606		
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		
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		
<b>7* Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>	97	19	327	5	3	5	6	3	141	1	182	442	28		
<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>	<b>206,424</b>	<b>175,366</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	23,794	29,249		
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	94,422	64,286		
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	70,671	69,193		

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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

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

Values (in '000 Tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter								% Change (quarter)	
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018		2019				2020		Jun 20 / Mar 20	Jun 20 / Jun19
					Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jun (P)		
<b>Region</b>														
Africa	17	47	195	41	137	20	14	13	14	1	128	20	-84.3	56.6
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	-0.8	-11.7
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	-31.7	-43.4
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	10,952	2,485	867	3,778	3,002	2,712	1,460	1,445	123	-91.5	-95.9
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	1.9	-21.1
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	67,170	69,035	58,979	67,945	66,967	76,195	51,679	49,333	-4.5	-27.4
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	12.8	-13.6
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	30.5	-0.9
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	-4.4	-10.1
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	-34.2	-71.9
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	1.7	-5.4
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	52.2	7.3
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	10.5	31.4
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	-59.6	-62.0
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	1,990	164	448	662	460	518	350	134	89	-33.8	-80.7
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	-51.9	-36.2
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	-22.6	-24.8
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	12,268	856	1,498	1,229	1,237	8,062	1,740	220	165	-24.8	-86.6
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	4,783	1,063	1,786	965	370	409	3,039	1,167	972	-16.7	163.2
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	-39.0	-59.1
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	580	120	143	285	167	34	95	10	92	854.6	-44.9
Tonga	2,248	187	489	296	146	238	58	38	140	59	565	45	-92.0	18.2
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	4,551	915	283	982	273	1,583	1,713	555	371	-33.1	36.1
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	5,035	723	1,214	956	1,385	1,203	1,490	970	939	-3.3	-32.2
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	-55.9	-80.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</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>206,424</b>	<b>175,366</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-31.4</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.)