



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### MERCHANDISE TRADE September 2021 quarter

#### Highlights of the quarter

(September 2021 quarter compared with June 2021 quarter)

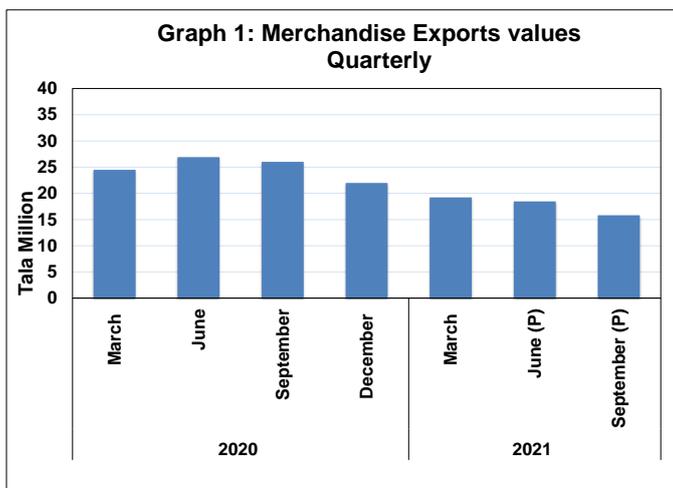
- Total merchandise exports decreased 14.3 percent to \$15.8 million.
- Total merchandise imports declined 2.8 percent to \$216.2 million.
- Resulting in a trade deficit of \$200.4 million for the September 2021 quarter.

#### Overview

#### Value of Merchandise Exports

The merchandise exports valued at \$15.8 million in the September 2021 quarter, decreased 14.3 percent and 39.2 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of last year respectively. This was due to the significant decline in fish, taro and nonu juice exports to mention a few.

(See Graph 1 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2021 decreased 31.4 percent in the total value of merchandise exports when compared to the four quarters ending September 2020.

#### Exports by Main Commodities

In the September 2021 quarter, **fats and oil** was the top commodity group exported, valued at \$3.1 million accounting for 19.3 percent of total merchandise exports value. This value was 23.3 percent and 30.1 percent higher when compared to the June 2021 quarter and the September 2020 quarter respectively.

**Electrical machinery and equipment** exports followed with a total value of \$2.8 million (17.4 percent of total merchandise exports value), increasing \$1.8 million from the previous quarter and up \$0.8 million from the corresponding quarter of 2020.

**Beverage, spirits and vinegar** exports increased 6.9 percent to \$1.9 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 9.4 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2020, current value of beverage spirits and vinegar exports also increased 17.1 percent.

**Mineral fuels, mineral oils and product** exports declined 36.4 percent to \$1.4 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 8.8 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2020, the value of mineral fuels, minerals oils declined 45.9 percent.

**Vegetables** exports valued at \$1.4 million (8.7 percent of total merchandise exports value), decreasing 45.1 percent and 50.2 percent when compared to the previous quarter and the same quarter of last year respectively.

**Fish, crustaceans and molluscs** had the largest decline of 72.4 percent from the previous quarter to record a total value of \$0.9 million in September 2021 quarter (6.0 percent of total merchandise exports value). It further went down by 90.7 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2020.

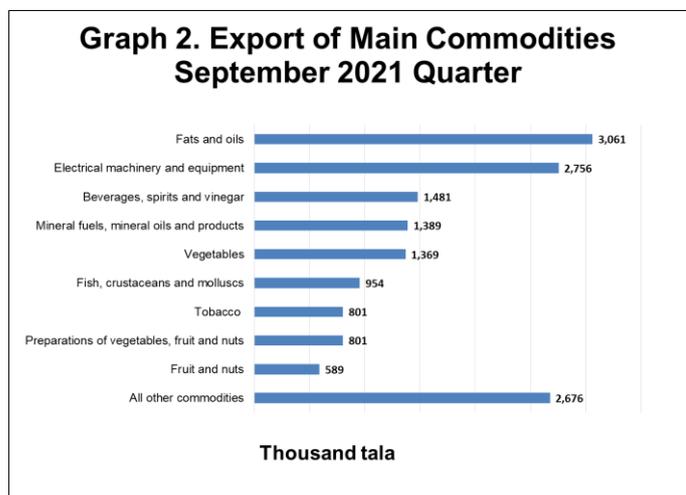
**Tobacco products** exports went up by 7.1 percent (to \$0.8 million) from the previous quarter,

accounting for 5.1 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2020, the value of tobacco exports increased by 11.0 percent.

**Preparation of vegetables, fruits and nuts** exports had a share of 4.7 percent of total merchandise exports value, declining \$0.3 million (to \$0.7 million) from the previous quarter. However, it increased by \$0.5 million compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020.

**Fruits and nuts** exports had a total value of \$0.6 million (3.7 percent of total merchandise exports value), decreasing 3.0 percent from the June 2021 quarter and 23.8 percent from the September 2020 quarter.

All **'other commodities'** contributed less than 3.0 percent each of total merchandise exports value having a combined total of \$2.7 million. (See Graph 2 and table 2.)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Exports by Region

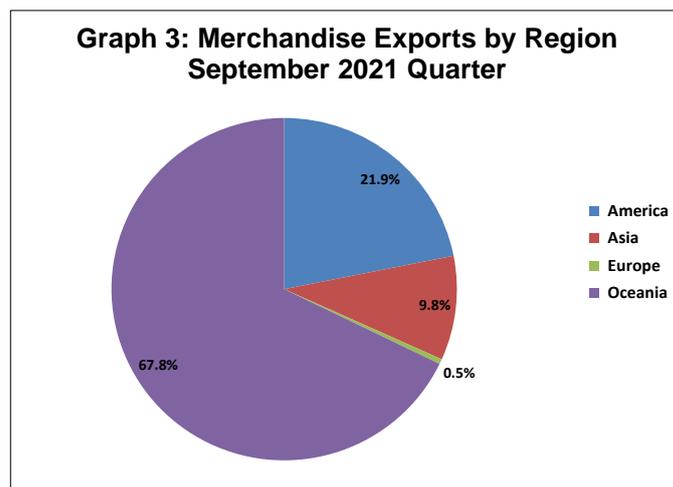
In the September 2021 quarter, the **Oceania** region had the largest share of total merchandise exports value with 67.8 percent, despite the reduction of 17.0 percent and 49.5 percent when compared to June 2021 quarter and September 2020 quarter in that order.

The **America** region had a total share of 21.9 percent, decreasing 8.1 percent when compared to June 2021 quarter but was 36.5 percent higher when compared to September 2020 quarter.

The **Asia** region recorded a total share of 9.8 percent, declining 3.1 percent and 25.0 percent over the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2020 respectively.

The **Europe** region had a total share of 0.5 percent, decreasing \$0.07 million from the June 2021 quarter and was \$0.1 million lower than that

of September 2020 quarter. (See Graph 3 and Table 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination

**New Zealand** remained as the leading destination for Samoa's exports in the September 2021 quarter with a total value of \$4.5 million, accounting for 28.4 percent of total merchandise exports value. This value was 4.6 percent higher than the previous quarter and further declined by 12.9 percent than that of the same quarter in 2020.

Exports to **USA** recorded a total share of 21.9 percent (\$3.5 million), decreasing 6.5 percent from the June 2021 quarter but was 34.3 percent higher than the September 2020 quarter.

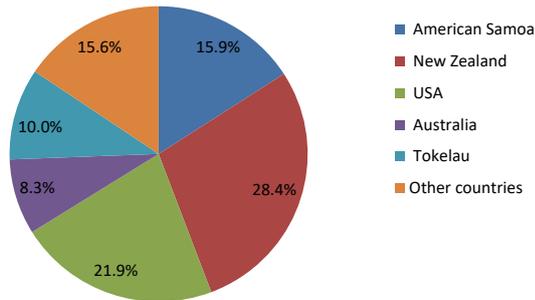
Exports to **American Samoa** had a total value of \$2.5 million (15.9 percent of total merchandise exports), decreasing 39.0 percent from the previous quarter and down 76.2 percent from the same quarter of 2020.

Exports to **Tokelau** stood at \$15.6 million, contributing 10.0 percent to total merchandise exports value. It increased by 48.3 percent from the previous quarter but fell 24.1 percent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020.

Exports to **Australia** represented 8.3 percent of total merchandise exports value of \$1.3 million, increasing 8.3 percent from the preceding quarter and up 8.9 percent when compared to the same quarter of 2020.

All **'other countries'** accounted for less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise exports value having a combined share of 15.6 percent. (See Graph 4 and table 4).

**Graph 4: Merchandise Exports by Countries of Destination  
September 2021 Quarter**

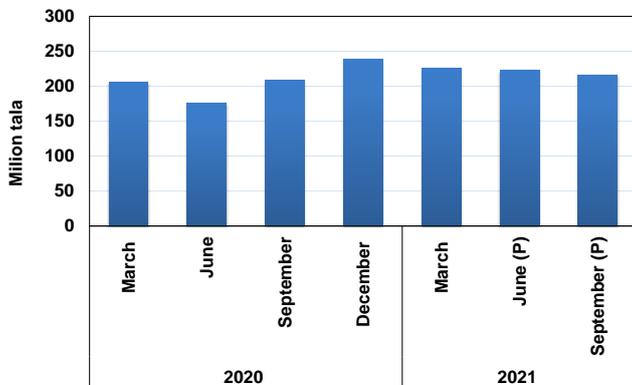


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Value of Merchandise Imports**

In the September 2021 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$216.2 million. This value was 2.8 percent lower than the previous quarter but 3.9 percent higher when compared to September 2020 quarter. (See Graph 5 and Table 5).

**Graph 5: Merchandise Imports Values Quarterly**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four-quarter ending September 2021 showed a 1.8 percent increase in the total value of merchandise imports compared to the four quarters ending September 2020.

**Import of Main Commodities**

**Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products** remained the top imported commodity groups in September 2021 quarter, valued at \$43.9 million (20.3 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 67.7 percent higher than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020 respectively.

**Meat and edible meat offal** imports decreased 23.9 percent from the previous quarter with a total value of \$17.1 million (7.9 percent of total merchandise import value). When compared with

the same quarter of 2020, imported meat increased 3.9 percent.

**Electrical machinery and equipment** imports were valued at \$13.3 million (6.2 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 8.8 percent and 18.5 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of last year respectively.

**Vehicles, parts and accessories** imports were valued at \$12.8 million, representing 5.9 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 6.5 percent over the June 2021 quarter and 19.6 percent over the September 2020 quarter respectively.

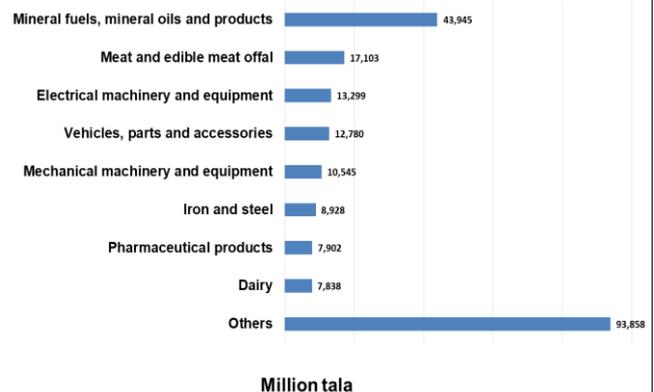
**Mechanical machinery and equipment** imports had a total value of \$10.5 million (4.9 percent of total merchandise import value), decreasing 25.6 percent and 29.3 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020 respectively.

**Iron and steel** imports recorded a total value of \$8.9 million, accounting for 4.1 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 7.4 percent and 13.6 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020 respectively.

**Pharmaceutical products** increased \$3.2 million to \$7.9 million from the previous quarter (3.7 percent of total merchandise import value). This was \$4.4 million higher when compared to September 2020 quarter.

**Dairy** imports recorded a total value of \$7.8 million (3.6 percent of total merchandise import value). This value was 2.7 percent and 1.3 percent lower when compared to June 2021 quarter and September 2020 quarter respectively. All **'other commodities'** on their own accounted for less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise imports value having a combined total of \$93.9 million. (See Graph 6 and Table 5).

**Graph 6: Imports of Main Commodities  
September 2021 Quarter**



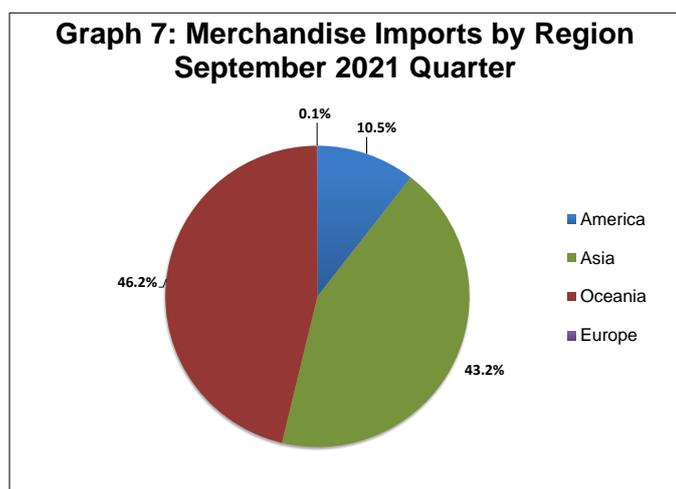
Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Imports by Region

In the September 2021 quarter, imports from the **Oceania** region recorded the largest share of total merchandise imports value, with 46.2 percent, despite the decreases of 11.5 percent and 11.1 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020 respectively.

**Asia** recorded a total share of 43.2 percent of total merchandise import value, increasing 13.8 percent from the June 2021 quarter and 28.1 percent from the September 2020 quarter.

**America** recorded a total share of 10.5 percent while Europe region reported the least share of merchandise imports at 0.1 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 September 2021 quarter, accounting for 32.0 percent (\$69.1 million) of total merchandise imports value. It decreased 3.3 percent from the previous quarter but up 3.9 percent compared to the corresponding quarter 2020.

Imports from **Singapore** followed with a total share of 19.4 percent (\$42.0 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 56.2 percent and 61.3 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020 in the respective order.

Imports from **USA** recorded a 10.4 percent share (\$22.5 million of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 13.5 percent from the previous quarter but was 2.6 percent higher when compared to the same quarter of 2020.

Imports from **Fiji** stood at \$18.9 million (8.8 percent share of total merchandise imports value), increasing 1.6 percent and 1.8 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2020 respectively.

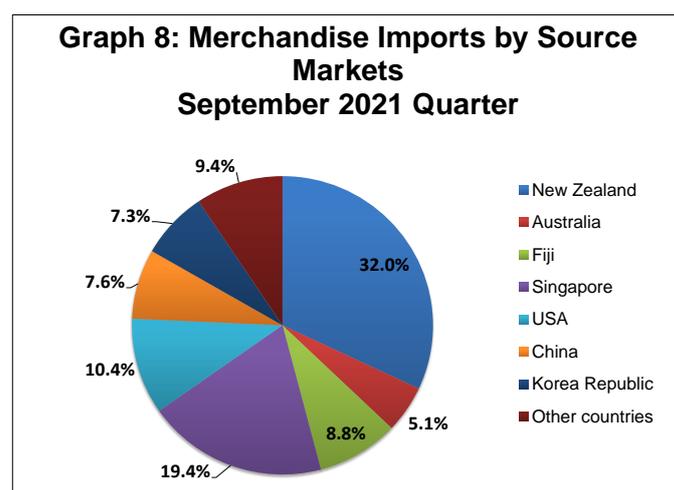
Imports from **China** recorded a share of 7.6 percent (\$16.4 million of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 13.0 percent from the June

2021 quarter and 15.0 percent from the September 2020 quarter.

Imports from **Korea** recorded a total share of 7.3 percent (\$15.8 million of total merchandise imports value), increasing \$10.3 million and \$11.7 million over the June 2021 quarter and September 2020 quarter respectively. Imports such as rice, flour and sugar were mainly responsible for the quarterly increase.

Imports from **Australia** represented 5.1 percent (\$11.1 million) of total merchandise import value, decreasing 50.0 percent and 47.6 percent from the preceding quarter and the same quarter of 2020 respectively.

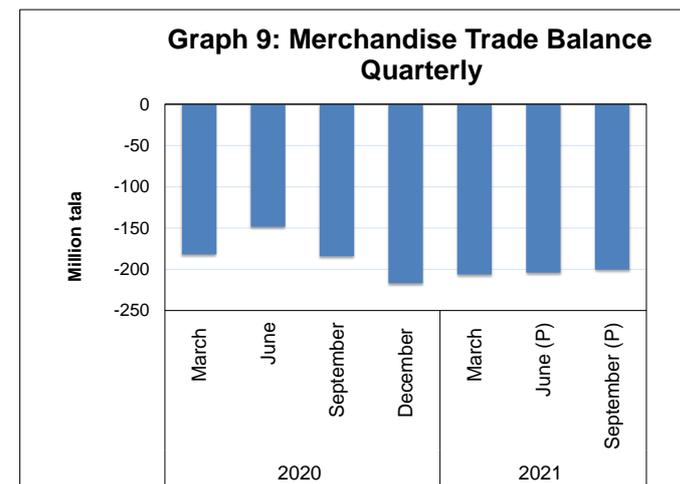
All **'other countries'** contributed less than 3.0 percent share each to total merchandise imports value having a combined share of 9.4 percent. (See Graph 8 and Table 8).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Trade Balance

In the September 2021 quarter, total value of merchandise imports of \$216.2 million exceeded that of merchandise exports of \$15.8 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$200.4 million. (See Graph 9 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The December 2021 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2022.



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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 Customs and Revenue (Custom Department)

### **Definitions**

September 2021 quarter: (July, August, September 2021)

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.

<b>Table 1: Overseas Merchandise Trade</b>				
<b>Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>				
<b>Period</b>		<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b>
<b>Annual</b>				
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
2020 (P)		99,339	828,652	-729,313
<b>Quarter</b>				
<b>2016</b>	March	28,256	220,835	-192,579
	June	35,098	226,981	-191,883
	September	44,936	224,418	-179,482
	December	35,466	226,772	-191,306
<b>2017</b>	March	25,871	210,126	-184,255
	June	31,138	210,684	-179,546
	September	30,834	235,475	-204,641
	December	24,372	244,712	-220,340
<b>2018</b>	March	20,050	197,020	-176,969
	June	25,858	227,652	-201,794
	September	36,021	250,123	-214,103
	December	37,276	264,649	-227,373
<b>2019</b>	March	30,683	226,898	-196,215
	June	31,965	255,687	-223,722
	September	34,841	251,566	-216,726
	December	32,608	297,161	-264,553
<b>2020</b>	March	24,478	206,424	-181,945
	June	26,894	175,367	-148,472
	September	26,002	208,137	-184,134
	December	21,965	238,724	-216,779
<b>2021</b>	March	19,227	225,540	-206,313
	June (P)	18,450	222,530	-204,080
	September (P)	15,820	216,198	-200,378

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

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
		2018	2019	2020 (P)	2019			2020			2021			Sep 21 / June 21	Sep 21 / Sep 20
					Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Sept(P)		
15	Fats and oils	2,268	4,740	9,117	1,346	468	1,836	3,520	2,352	2,459	1,956	2,482	3,061	23.3	30.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	3,273	4,879	8,627	1,937	973	929	4,677	1,929	785	961	934	2,756	195.1	42.9
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	7,341	5,238	5,080	1,500	1,425	1,394	841	1,265	1,826	1,406	1,385	1,481	6.9	17.1
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	30,663	32,165	14,149	7,572	9,525	7,959	2,258	2,567	2,337	2,148	2,184	1,389	-36.4	-45.9
7	Vegetables	7,386	7,915	8,841	2,080	2,270	1,847	2,089	2,751	2,548	2,139	2,492	1,369	-45.1	-50.2
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,836	46,415	32,774	8,580	15,466	12,690	8,461	10,204	7,655	5,921	3,460	954	-72.4	-90.7
24	Tobacco	699	1,337	2,399	110	293	696	301	722	590	700	748	801	7.1	11.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	10,258	12,237	2,677	5,134	833	821	541	285	591	520	1,000	744	-25.6	161.3
8	Fruit and nuts	1,960	2,024	2,385	513	306	603	455	773	579	912	607	589	-3.0	-23.8
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	692	845	864	148	171	253	219	174	274	290	383	453	18.3	160.3
44	Wood and articles of wood	429	371	846	181	36	130	241	308	99	238	177	316	78.5	2.7
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	314	454	26	124	194	112	0	22	1	6	80	254	217.5	1054.5
18	Cocoa	908	587	763	152	224	187	88	318	185	278	243	209	-14.0	-34.4
12	Oil seeds	477	950	812	87	327	494	242	212	249	246	263	191	-27.4	-9.7
4	Dairy	477	308	1,044	70	75	126	496	263	175	176	66	146	121.2	-44.4
19	Cereal preparations	1,113	741	409	110	94	191	35	40	48	157	195	138	-29.2	244.3
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	301	554	970	154	118	228	397	216	241	69	204	68	-66.7	-68.6
23	Food wastes	1,309	166	326	79	18	54	20	52	92	145	24	61	154.2	16.6
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	235	84	217	29	26	3	31	64	97	58	69	60	-13.0	-6.8
2	Meat and edible offal	4,846	583	280	127	94	186	57	65	83	138	138	55	-60.1	-15.3
39	Plastics and articles	3,677	1,005	1,181	533	112	23	383	39	8	84	100	52	-47.7	34.2
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	390	481	774	257	145	49	169	35	274	85	25	46	84.0	30.5
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	357	623	571	86	257	188	158	152	94	56	120	42	-65.0	-72.4
34	Soaps and polishes	270	1,020	154	20	491	493	28	36	36	44	20	32	60.0	-11.1
16	Meat and fish preparation	451	376	427	59	67	152	182	54	73	42	65	22	-66.2	-59.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	470	68	347	14	15	36	41	84	106	2	12	19	58.3	-77.3
25	Mineral substances	291	325	468	139	85	72	77	268	78	15	0	18	0.0	-93.3
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	311	730	133	414	217	93	6	33	53	22	2	16	680.5	-52.2
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	505	808	402	47	39	340	54	51	36	9	168	13	-92.3	-74.5
17	Sugar	152	61	27	20	17	13	13	5	0	3	21	9	-57.1	80.0
64	Footwear	464	216	315	0	105	1	0	103	118	104	101	0	-100.0	-100.0
10	Cereals	143	105	170	23	23	51	109	7	4	0	19	0	-100.0	-100.0
...	Others	2,937	1,688	1,765	319	329	448	703	553	171	299	663	456	-31.2	-17.5
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>99,339</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,698</b>	<b>26,893</b>	<b>26,002</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>18,450</b>	<b>15,820</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>-39.2</b>

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

**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 (P)	2019			2020			2021			Sep 21 / Jun 20	Sep21 / Sep 20
				Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Sep (P)		
Food & Live Animal	63,598	73,254	51,302	17,285	19,941	17,418	12,803	14,993	12,414	10,719	8,532	4,429	-48.1	-70.5
Beverages & Tobacco	8,012	6,563	7,732	1,610	1,707	2,089	1,143	2,225	2,430	2,107	2,132	2,282	7.0	2.6
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,017	881	1,542	298	116	239	413	434	468	282	428	562	31.3	29.5
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	30,656	32,159	14,145	7,572	9,524	7,959	2,258	2,567	2,337	2,148	2,184	1,390	-36.4	-45.9
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	1,580	2,110	7,170	398	198	1,511	8	10	1,757	0	10	11	10.0	6.0
Chemicals & Related Products	1,649	4,021	1,790	1,072	840	852	3,627	2,487	868	2,150	2,586	3,250	25.7	30.7
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,904	2,625	2,376	792	572	1,050	886	645	280	511	382	570	49.2	-11.6
Machinery & Transport Equipment	4,212	6,066	10,339	2,081	1,271	1,194	4,898	2,150	899	1,026	1,645	2,814	71.1	30.9
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	5,577	2,369	2,930	858	671	246	858	490	513	282	550	511	-7.1	4.4
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	49	14	0	0	49	-	1	-	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>99,340</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>26,002</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>18,450</b>	<b>15,820</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>-39.2</b>

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3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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Source Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

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

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

Region/Country	Annual			Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
	2018	2019	2020 (P)	2019			2020			2021			Sep 21 / Jun 21	Sep 21 / Sep 20
				Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	June (P)	Sep (P)		
<b>Region</b>														
Africa	1	10	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
America	11,549	16,829	11,200	4,139	2,669	2,972	3,630	2,537	2,857	2,540	3,768	3,462	-8.1	36.5
Asia	19,118	22,115	12,335	4,913	6,857	6,356	3,780	2,076	2,567	2,358	1,605	1,556	-3.1	-25.0
Europe	977	1,055	1,911	218	234	272	264	135	242	0	159	75	-52.8	-44.4
Oceania	87,474	90,087	73,893	22,694	25,081	23,000	19,218	21,254	16,300	14,329	12,918	10,728	-17.0	-49.5
Other	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>														
American Samoa	31,779	40,423	33,011	7,757	13,100	11,072	7,306	10,563	8,733	5,345	4,119	2,513	-39.0	-76.2
New Zealand	21,101	20,762	17,447	5,684	5,582	4,873	4,385	5,149	3,764	3,541	4,290	4,487	4.6	-12.9
USA	11,214	15,127	10,868	3,687	2,563	2,876	3,546	2,577	2,668	2,400	3,702	3,462	-6.5	34.3
Australia	12,850	10,663	8,253	3,511	2,338	2,223	3,208	1,202	1,661	1,750	1,238	1,309	5.7	8.9
Taiwan	8,716	8,152	5,576	1,665	2,836	2,706	916	1,574	1,406	1,370	1,397	364	-73.9	-76.9
Tokelau	16,439	11,301	9,234	2,918	2,594	3,245	3,145	2,088	1,313	1,262	1,069	1,585	48.3	-24.1
Japan	3,995	5,640	5,258	545	2,098	2,028	2,506	1,312	624	1,326	830	232	-72.0	-82.3
Singapore	1,571	2,064	300	591	625	450	31	30	196	73	264	292	10.6	873.3
China	1,446	1,767	1,070	428	440	606	192	128	94	40	105	118	12.4	-7.8
Fiji	4,234	3,323	780	699	879	913	10	99	86	503	1	11	2100.0	-88.9
Other countries	5,860	10,875	7,543	4,478	1,785	1,617	1,648	1,280	1,420	1,617	1,435	1,447	0.8	13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,097</b>	<b>99,339</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>26,893</b>	<b>26,002</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>18,450</b>	<b>15,820</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>-39.2</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	Annual			Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
		2018	2019	2020 (P)	2019			2020			2021			Sep 21 / Jun 21	Sep 21 / Sep 20
					Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	June (P)	Sep (P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	178,467	182,429	115,734	35,552	45,460	52,868	21,040	26,211	27,807	31,339	26,197	43,945	67.7	67.7
2	Meat and edible meat offal	65,488	69,433	63,639	17,500	20,117	20,825	14,890	16,455	16,560	17,023	22,477	17,103	-23.9	3.9
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	55,480	69,003	48,157	15,846	11,958	21,824	11,000	11,223	10,470	10,092	12,226	13,299	8.8	18.5
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	68,629	94,809	58,714	30,484	20,790	26,350	10,679	15,891	18,336	16,327	13,662	12,780	-6.5	-19.6
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	50,752	65,448	59,284	14,648	22,637	18,746	11,614	14,925	20,501	13,476	14,182	10,545	-25.6	-29.3
72-73	Iron and steel	46,784	54,211	34,321	11,851	12,163	14,794	4,400	10,335	8,847	9,144	9,643	8,928	-7.4	-13.6
30	Pharmaceutical products	13,930	12,875	23,951	3,421	4,126	3,048	2,287	3,477	15,974	4,412	4,740	7,902	66.7	127.3
4	Dairy	29,274	31,626	31,146	8,535	7,533	8,756	7,822	7,945	8,468	7,502	8,055	7,838	-2.7	-1.3
19	Cereal preparations	29,884	29,417	28,933	7,065	6,820	8,453	7,668	6,624	8,335	7,806	8,045	6,351	-21.1	-4.1
16	Meat and fish preparation	24,251	19,612	21,966	3,852	4,674	6,605	5,510	5,225	5,681	6,379	6,700	5,695	-15.0	9.0
44	Wood and articles of wood	31,139	34,940	27,508	8,673	8,132	11,869	4,899	8,783	10,174	9,552	9,117	5,283	-42.1	-39.8
39	Plastics and articles	29,232	29,660	20,445	7,858	6,986	8,377	5,064	4,952	5,600	5,036	5,536	4,888	-11.7	-1.3
11	Milling industry products	14,247	15,459	13,998	3,777	4,136	4,341	3,509	3,978	3,732	3,633	3,031	4,306	42.1	8.2
17	Sugar	14,117	13,049	13,303	3,357	3,341	3,960	3,874	4,365	3,017	3,427	4,904	4,190	-14.6	-4.0
94	Furniture	13,486	17,788	9,572	5,631	3,491	4,929	1,749	3,389	1,950	4,653	1,483	4,101	176.5	21.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	18,298	18,038	16,435	4,287	5,016	5,127	3,673	3,728	5,046	4,069	4,415	3,736	-15.4	0.2
25	Mineral substances	16,378	18,956	17,015	4,311	3,543	6,287	3,025	6,350	4,885	4,069	4,774	3,314	-30.6	-47.8
34	Soaps and polishes	15,141	12,662	14,613	2,972	3,377	3,756	3,934	3,506	3,767	2,862	4,580	3,257	-28.9	-7.1
48	Paper products	16,865	17,234	16,573	4,449	4,144	4,561	3,388	4,606	4,853	6,350	4,823	3,226	-33.1	-30.0
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	8,585	12,034	5,297	2,805	3,618	3,658	845	1,465	1,927	2,673	1,395	3,021	116.6	106.3
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	10,618	9,952	8,579	2,631	2,538	2,660	2,214	2,147	2,187	2,148	1,976	3,008	52.2	40.1
22	Beverages	8,870	7,400	4,958	2,079	2,208	1,980	1,211	1,011	1,580	2,077	3,277	2,408	-26.5	138.3
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	9,226	9,391	9,262	2,268	2,850	2,521	2,525	2,827	2,353	1,699	2,334	2,269	-2.8	-19.7
7	Vegetables	9,249	9,474	8,151	2,510	2,163	2,537	1,873	2,000	2,155	2,618	2,053	2,180	6.2	9.0
10	Cereals	16,613	11,484	15,182	1,995	3,346	3,248	2,683	6,270	2,727	1,779	4,509	1,956	-56.6	-68.8
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,440	9,913	6,843	2,437	2,366	2,602	1,318	1,653	2,354	2,101	2,303	1,896	-17.7	14.7
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipm	9,316	9,520	16,496	2,066	1,303	3,410	8,531	1,771	3,392	3,643	3,056	1,876	-38.6	5.9
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	6,562	7,978	6,890	1,721	2,500	2,267	1,474	1,520	2,078	1,180	2,368	1,743	-26.4	14.7
15	Fats and oils	8,495	8,136	8,304	2,050	2,435	1,990	2,535	2,231	1,917	1,816	3,567	1,673	-53.1	-25.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,225	10,569	10,620	2,465	2,087	2,435	2,831	2,366	3,090	1,824	3,155	1,636	-48.1	-30.8
23	Food wastes	4,655	4,750	5,250	1,229	1,056	1,384	1,311	1,274	1,450	946	1,799	1,600	-11.1	25.6
40	Rubber	9,802	7,967	7,725	2,198	1,852	2,197	2,137	1,903	2,182	1,573	2,038	1,571	-22.9	-17.4
8	Fruits and nuts	3,974	3,723	3,252	820	961	1,219	628	974	990	1,063	950	1,260	32.6	29.4
64	Footwear	2,685	2,424	2,475	526	830	637	493	629	848	712	1,124	1,136	1.1	80.5
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	3,583	4,342	2,997	1,393	846	1,165	228	755	991	1,040	515	1,128	119.0	49.5
76	Aluminium	7,411	10,060	7,170	3,117	1,378	3,054	1,125	1,613	2,468	2,104	1,954	989	-49.4	-38.7
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,251	7,168	3,272	1,364	1,692	2,243	499	767	915	1,039	1,304	951	-27.1	23.9
70	Glass and glassware	6,083	7,104	4,862	2,279	1,027	2,310	1,338	1,421	1,238	1,416	1,432	945	-34.0	-33.5
68	Stone	6,397	6,916	5,656	1,689	1,540	2,063	644	905	1,959	1,280	1,583	841	-46.9	-7.1
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,695	4,342	2,924	1,290	1,294	1,080	540	567	1,078	802	902	652	-27.7	15.1
95	Toys and games	3,710	8,846	3,164	6,179	907	1,328	494	865	1,386	631	445	615	38.2	-28.9
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,861	3,567	2,655	842	854	973	572	974	603	786	403	608	50.9	-37.6
3	Fish	5,137	5,949	5,574	1,048	1,521	2,081	1,242	1,073	1,856	747	1,025	606	-40.9	-43.5
63	Made up textile articles	3,985	5,262	2,732	2,245	991	1,462	562	748	801	768	642	600	-6.5	-19.8
37	Photographic equipment	2,396	2,332	1,962	807	343	463	459	468	528	843	960	593	-38.2	26.8
69	Ceramic products	4,673	5,931	5,332	1,158	1,468	1,578	572	1,268	1,555	1,798	1,296	554	-57.3	-56.3
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,822	2,521	1,749	531	499	1,128	449	332	457	441	379	466	23.0	40.2
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	3,130	2,164	2,349	436	612	536	429	658	722	793	505	452	-10.5	-31.3
49	Books and newspapers	2,229	3,380	5,654	693	1,652	643	416	292	1,799	1,004	843	312	-63.0	6.7
24	Tobacco	2,751	3,120	2,597	1,004	1,031	526	605	234	799	630	824	220	-73.3	-5.9
18	Cocoa	1,596	1,198	1,167	334	340	378	240	236	449	184	460	144	-68.7	-38.9
52	Cotton	1,093	817	934	107	246	110	42	63	229	116	103	33	-68.0	-47.8
...	Others	12,482	14,930	11,310	5,305	2,768	3,823	2,281	2,890	3,658	14,116	2,461	5,569	126.3	92.7
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>175,366</b>	<b>208,137</b>	<b>238,724</b>	<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>

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

2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

**Symbols**

P : Provisional figures

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**Source:** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

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

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

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter									% change (quarter)	
				2019			2020			2021				
	2018	2019 (P)	2020 (P)	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	June (P)	Sep (P)	Sep 21 / Jun 21	Sep 21 / Sep 20
Food & Live Animal	249,568	246,220	239,225	59,256	64,850	72,483	57,112	62,915	63,752	59,645	71,923	60,786	-15.5	-3.4
Beverages & Tobacco	11,226	10,100	7,260	3,013	3,050	2,422	2,021	1,103	2,144	2,622	3,926	2,468	-37.1	123.7
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	31,810	35,063	26,188	10,068	7,696	10,244	5,111	8,732	8,736	8,657	9,923	4,886	-50.8	-44.0
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	173,370	175,246	112,034	32,563	44,806	52,499	19,635	25,249	27,344	30,996	24,561	43,746	78.1	73.3
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	6,144	5,940	6,489	1,432	1,854	1,399	2,059	1,731	1,560	1,510	3,068	1,352	-55.9	-21.9
Chemicals & Related Products	70,209	69,884	75,048	17,496	18,994	18,967	15,345	16,356	29,461	15,456	18,664	20,234	8.4	23.7
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	139,555	159,098	118,935	39,243	33,494	45,815	20,214	33,588	34,696	33,940	32,255	24,689	-23.5	-26.5
Machinery & Transport Equipment	175,742	230,974	171,299	62,158	55,595	67,015	36,586	42,261	50,481	50,390	40,882	36,833	-9.9	-12.8
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	81,783	98,777	72,101	30,455	21,225	26,313	17,269	16,188	20,513	22,318	17,313	21,189	22.4	30.9
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	35	11	71	2	2	4	15	13	38	5	15	15	0.0	16.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>175,366</b>	<b>208,137</b>	<b>238,724</b>	<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>3.9</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

3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

**Table 7 IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC<sup>3</sup>**

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

Economic Category	ANNUAL			QUARTER									
	2018	2019 (P)	2020 (P)	2019			2020			2021			
				Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	June (P)	Sep (P)	
<b>1* Food and Beverage</b>													
11* Primary													
111* Mainly for industry	1,389	1,479	5,609	273	276	664	1,139	1,379	1,056		611	313	1,105
112* Mainly for household consumption	29,299	28,827	27,195	6,892	6,772	8,551	6,964	6,531	7,257		7,696	7,451	7,409
12* Processed													
121* Mainly for industry	32,508	33,951	32,650	9,164	8,821	9,505	8,497	9,641	8,725		8,396	9,632	9,887
122* Mainly for household consumption	195,096	188,871	176,910	44,846	51,299	55,399	41,869	45,810	47,619		44,992	57,761	43,992
<b>2* Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified</b>													
21* Primary	10,452	12,055	7,309	4,218	2,100	1,268	2,180	1,805	1,826		1,163	2,712	1,291
22* Processed	202,543	234,117	193,760	58,278	53,068	67,641	33,378	49,530	65,270		50,678	52,667	43,544
<b>3* Fuels and Lubricants</b>													
31* Primary	2,151	2,154	893	660	560	484	-	245	442		109	-	139
32* Processed													
321* Motor spirit	76,487	57,274	39,090	10,757	13,199	15,669	7,714	8,766	10,559		13,799	10,086	18,924
322* Other	94,224	114,425	70,802	20,409	30,835	36,124	11,639	15,938	15,998		16,774	14,039	24,637
<b>Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories</b>													
<b>4* thereof</b>													
41* Capital goods (except transport equipme	77,145	99,670	81,197	19,928	24,940	32,309	24,575	17,639	23,108		19,499	17,147	16,869
42* Parts and accessories	25,139	27,332	24,148	8,727	6,931	5,940	4,041	5,552	5,818		5,204	6,581	5,494
<b>Transport Equipment and Parts and</b>													
<b>5* Accessories thereof</b>													
51* Passenger motor cars	26,272	38,803	23,453	9,818	10,405	12,118	4,896	6,273	7,240		5,308	4,911	5,491
521* Industrial	37,022	49,927	29,917	19,144	9,158	12,196	4,674	7,820	9,503		20,025	7,841	6,030
522* Non-industrial	1,170	1,656	1,440	983	229	326	497	282	539		214	715	195
53* Parts and accessories	15,350	15,852	14,160	4,047	3,567	4,846	3,411	4,017	3,382		3,157	3,601	3,820
<b>6* Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>													
61* Durable	17,249	19,990	16,811	5,388	4,868	6,509	2,606	5,618	4,796		4,201	3,723	3,936
62* Semi-durable	39,304	50,939	29,693	17,758	10,011	13,589	6,420	7,313	9,425		7,939	7,695	10,006
63* Non-durable	56,624	53,660	52,816	14,258	14,527	13,841	10,837	13,963	15,849		15,361	15,046	13,419
<b>7* Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>	19	327	798	141	1	182	28	15	313		414	609	10
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>175,366</b>	<b>208,137</b>	<b>238,724</b>		<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>
of which													
Capital goods <sup>4</sup>	114,167	149,597	111,113	39,072	34,099	44,505	29,249	25,459	32,611		39,524	24,988	22,899
Intermediate goods <sup>5</sup>	383,756	441,366	349,331	105,775	106,157	126,473	64,286	88,107	102,516		86,092	89,545	89,917
Consumption goods <sup>6</sup>	338,741	343,945	304,865	90,125	87,706	98,215	69,193	79,517	85,485		80,403	92,391	78,957

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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 international trade

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

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

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

Region/Country	Annual			Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
	2018	2019 (P)	2020 (P)	2019			2020			2021			Sep 21 / Jun 21	Sep 21 / Sep 20
				Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	June (P)	Sep (P)		
<b>Region</b>														
Africa	195	41	153	13	14	1	20	2	2	0	69	0	-100.0	-100.0
America	95,229	93,527	87,590	23,889	24,466	30,356	21,099	21,787	23,431	22,688	26,378	22,749	-13.8	4.4
Asia	427,408	489,645	328,372	118,254	2,712	139,211	66,918	72,990	90,472	89,217	82,174	93,498	13.8	28.1
Europe	8,257	10,952	3,809	3,002	2,712	1,460	123	1,080	1,161	692	1,160	145	-87.5	-86.6
Oceania	408,355	437,147	408,729	110,530	107,860	126,134	87,206	112,276	123,660	112,942	112,750	99,805	-11.5	-11.1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>														
New Zealand	255,627	270,086	237,309	67,945	66,967	76,195	49,333	66,527	69,771	61,506	71,522	69,134	-3.3	3.9
Australia	93,040	93,043	93,847	24,614	22,525	25,678	21,278	21,109	32,595	32,511	22,146	11,069	-50.0	-47.6
Fiji	53,839	66,895	68,282	16,430	16,715	21,449	16,283	18,663	20,859	18,480	18,708	18,999	1.6	1.8
USA	92,867	90,688	87,320	22,877	24,007	29,502	20,570	21,968	23,270	22,365	26,048	22,535	-13.5	2.6
China	84,772	127,719	68,204	46,946	18,765	31,635	13,209	19,259	15,654	20,890	18,827	16,379	-13.0	-15.0
Hong Kong	45,888	50,131	44,732	10,356	10,832	15,801	9,796	10,539	14,761	12,784	18,050	5,685	-68.5	-46.1
Indonesia	12,325	11,160	8,205	2,595	2,779	2,731	2,785	2,104	1,486	1,792	2,350	1,326	-43.6	-37.0
Japan	39,987	40,280	36,584	7,610	12,028	13,091	10,002	5,678	11,853	7,816	6,151	6,246	1.5	10.0
Malaysia	7,022	9,788	6,395	3,020	2,084	3,000	1,147	1,393	1,017	1,070	701	773	10.3	-44.5
Philippines	850	1,990	485	460	518	350	89	191	71	42	96	42	-56.3	-78.0
Singapore	173,563	174,133	118,465	32,651	46,023	50,890	20,833	26,010	28,313	29,393	26,857	41,952	56.2	61.3
Thailand	26,839	28,481	23,200	5,424	5,816	9,578	4,077	5,348	8,509	6,336	3,100	3,706	19.5	-30.7
India	5,732	12,268	1,649	1,237	8,062	1,740	165	266	998	1,285	177	754	326.0	183.8
Korea Democratic People's	4,843	4,783	3,423	370	409	3,039	972	1,068	215	321	156	0	-100.0	-100.0
Korea Republic	18,106	19,583	17,092	5,471	6,186	5,400	2,237	4,126	7,065	7,086	5,483	15,832	188.7	283.7
Papua New Guinea	346	580	195	167	34	95	92	94	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0
Tonga	489	296	843	38	140	59	45	92	141	71	79	101	27.8	9.8
Taiwan, Province of China	2,433	4,551	2,061	273	1,583	1,713	371	609	526	176	192	237	23.4	-61.1
Viet Nam	3,408	5,035	2,540	1,385	1,203	1,490	939	630	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0
Other countries	17,466	19,824	7,821	5,820	4,889	3,726	1,144	2,463	1,621	1,615	1,887	1,428	-24.3	-42.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>175,366</b>	<b>208,136</b>	<b>238,724</b>	<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>3.9</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

**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.)