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### Overseas Merchandise Trade December 2019

#### **Highlights of the month**

*December 2019 compared with November 2019*

#### **Merchandise Exports<sup>1</sup>**

- ❖ The total value of merchandise exports increased 1.3 percent (to \$9.9 million).
- ❖ 'Food and Live Animal' exports had the largest increase (up \$1.0 million).
- ❖ Asia had the largest increase from the previous month (up \$162 thousand), with Japan the main driver of the current increase (up \$432 thousand).
- ❖ Oceania had the largest share of total exports value with 31.4 percent, reflecting higher values of exports to American Samoa (\$3.1 million).

#### **Merchandise Imports**

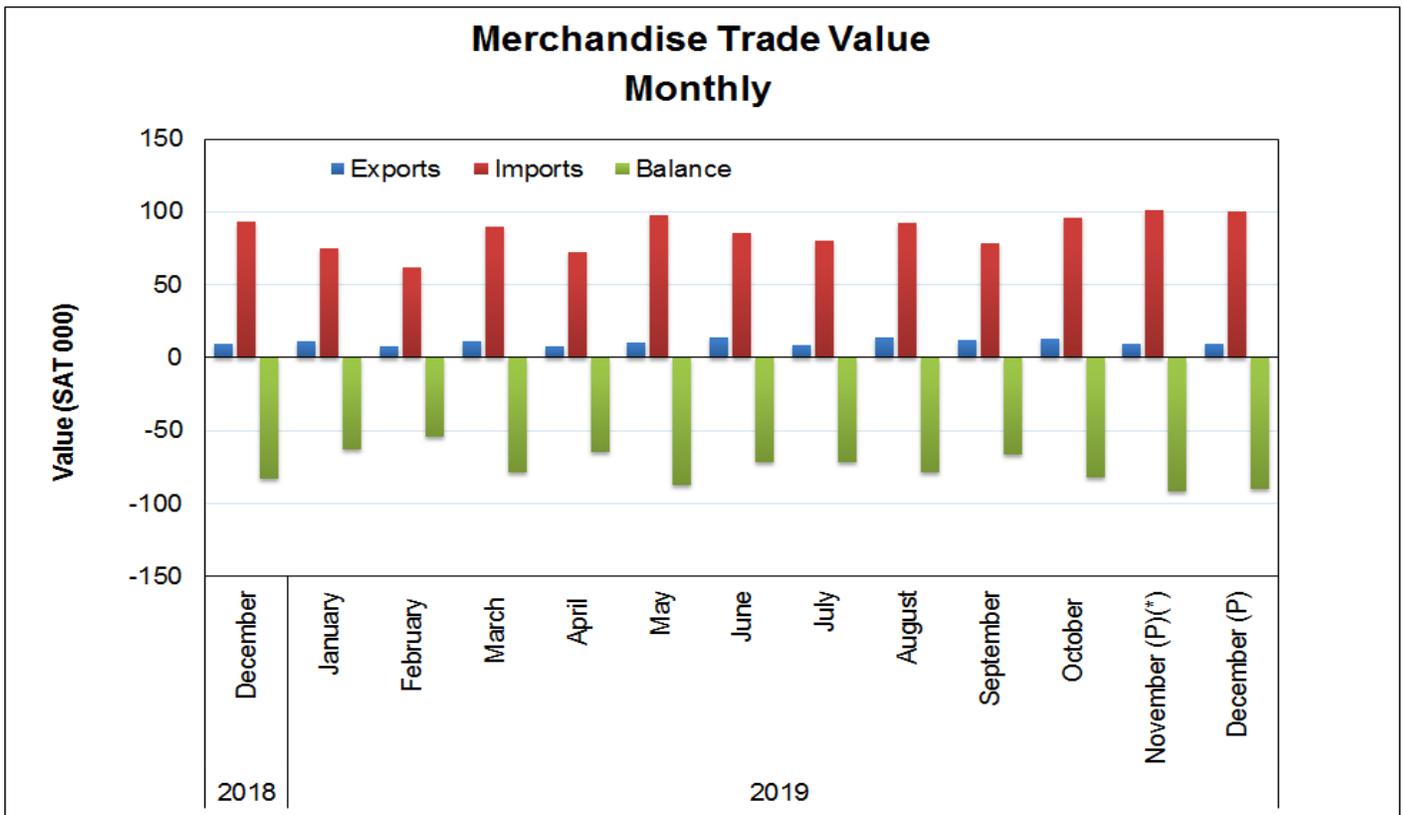
- ❖ The total value of merchandise imports decreased 1.2 percent (to \$100.2 million).
- ❖ Large decreases recorded were imports of 'mineral fuels, mineral oils and products' (down \$4.5 million), 'Mechanical machinery and equipment' (down \$2.5 million) and 'wood and articles of wood' (down \$2.3 million). On the other hand, notable increases recorded were imports of 'Meat and edible meat offal' (up \$2.7 million) and 'Vehicles, parts and accessories' (up \$1.3 million).
- ❖ Oceania recorded the largest decrease (down \$5.3 million) with New Zealand (down \$3.3 million) and Australia (down \$2.7 million) the main driver of the current decrease. Asia on the other hand recorded a \$6.0 million increase, driven by a large increase of imports from China (up \$6.2 million) but partly offset by a \$1.6 million decrease from Hong Kong.

#### **Trade Balance**

- ❖ The total value of imports (\$100.2 million) exceeded that of exports (\$9.9 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$90.3 million.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes re-export commodities



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information

**Technical Notes**

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

The January 2020 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2020.

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

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

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

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter					Month				% Change	
		2017	2018	2019(P)	2018	2019				2018	2019			Dec19 /Nov19	Dec19 /Dec18
					Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep(P)	Dec (P)	Dec	Oct	Nov(P)(*)	Dec (P)		
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,259	33,836	46,415	7,856	9,678	8,580	15,466	12,690	2,364	6,646	2,538	3,506	38.2	48.3
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	32,165	9,312	7,108	7,572	9,525	7,959	3,274	2,467	2,920	2,572	-11.9	-21.5
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	12,237	4,132	5,449	5,134	833	821	1,095	293	338	190	-43.8	-82.6
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	7,915	2,155	1,718	2,080	2,270	1,847	640	775	637	435	-31.7	-32.0
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	5,238	2,209	919	1,500	1,425	1,394	917	571	466	357	-23.3	-61.1
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	583	351	177	127	94	186	125	17	34	135	297.2	7.7
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	1,005	2,247	337	533	112	23	19	3	4	16	294.2	-17.2
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	4,879	677	1,040	1,937	973	929	176	265	226	437	93.6	149.0
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	4,740	548	1,180	1,346	468	1,746	124	702	1,044	0.1	-100.0	-99.9
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	2,024	524	601	513	306	603	88	142	183	278	51.7	214.1
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	166	561	16	79	18	54	459	5	49	-	-100.0	-100.0
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	741	553	346	110	94	191	272	11	11	170	1441.1	-37.6
18	Cocoa	638	908	587	226	24	152	224	187	0.9	2	1	184	18291.4	20334.9
24	Tobacco	462	699	1,337	238	238	110	293	696	37	210	214	272	27.2	634.1
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	808	213	382	47	39	340	5	69	267	5	-98.2	-1.6
12	Oil seeds	177	477	950	134	42	87	327	494	18	200	173	121	-30.0	556.2
4	Dairy	160	477	308	3,235	37	70	75	126	0	26	61	40	-35.2	0.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	68	19	2	14	15	36	-	17	14	5	-60.9	0.0
64	Footwear	333	464	216	301	110	0	105	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.0
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	376	35	99	59	67	152	0.1	32	44	75	70.8	75068.1
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	845	182	273	148	171	253	9	146	48	59	22.5	569.1
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	371	150	24	181	36	130	5	34	80	16	-80.5	229.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	481	74	30	257	145	49	0.1	13	17	19	9.9	18580.2
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	623	116	92	86	257	188	26	7	45	137	203.5	432.7
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	454	73	23	124	194	112	37	11	1	101	16687.7	173.3
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	730	63	5	414	217	93	29	50	17	27	57.0	-8.8
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	554	89	54	154	118	228	35	61	111	57	-49.0	61.1
25	Mineral substances	306	291	325	170	29	139	85	72	76	22	46	4	-92.2	-95.3
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	1,020	192	15	20	491	493	28	5	1	488	97583.7	1621.2
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	84	79	26	29	26	3	0.2	3	0	0.4	734.7	108.7
17	Sugar	56	152	61	38	10	20	17	13	7	1	5	7	45.9	7.5
10	Cereals	67	143	105	28	9	23	23	51	-	16	16	19	17.1	0.0
...	Others	3,462	2,937	1,688	496	592	319	329	448	106	179	130	139	6.6	30.9
<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>9,973</b>	<b>12,998</b>	<b>9,740</b>	<b>9,870</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-1.0</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								Month				% change	
					2018				2019				2018	2019			Dec 19	Dec19
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	Dec	Oct	Nov(P)(*)	Dec (P)	/Nov 19	/Dec18
Food & Live Animal	60,826	54,898	63,598	73,254	10,660	11,857	21,232	19,849	18,610	17,285	19,941	17,418	5,071	8,176	4,113	5,129	25	1.1
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	954	780	680	629	-8	-34.1
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,993	2,081	1,017	881	258	274	174	311	228	298	116	239	13	71	67	101	51	676.9
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	3,269	2,467	2,920	2,572	-12	-21.3
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,242	1,398	1,580	2,110	17	425	721	416	3	398	198	1,511	190	0	1,005	506	-50	166.3
Chemicals & Related Products	249	1,447	1,649	4,021	320	268	587	475	1,257	1,072	840	852	171	714	57	81	42	-52.6
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	975	2,548	2,904	2,625	555	891	836	623	211	792	572	1,050	207	277	189	584	209	182.1
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	98	388	538	268	-50	173.5
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	1,366	2,072	5,577	2,369	239	1,401	1,149	2,787	593	858	671	246	0	104	142	0	0	0.0
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	20	29	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>9,973</b>	<b>12,998</b>	<b>9,740</b>	<b>9,870</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>

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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)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter					Month				% Change	
					2018	2019				2018	2019			Dec19 /	Dec19 /
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	Dec	Oct	Nov(P) (*)	Dec (P)	Nov19	Dec18
<b>Region</b>															
Africa	18	32	1	10	1	0	2	0	8	0	6	0	2	0.0	0.0
America	9,597	7,597	11,549	16,829	2,914	7,050	4,139	2,669	2,972	1,175	1,083	1,262	627	-50.3	-46.6
Asia	17,707	13,781	19,118	22,115	6,351	3,989	4,913	6,857	6,356	1,648	2,608	1,793	1,955	9.0	18.6
Europe	978	635	977	1,055	217	332	218	234	272	0	43	102	127	24.5	0.0
Oceania	115,455	90,170	87,474	90,087	27,793	19,312	22,694	25,081	23,000	7,150	9,259	6,582	7,159	8.8	0.1
Other	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>															
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	20,762	6,773	4,623	5,684	5,582	4,873	2,357	1,466	1,845	1,562	-15.4	-33.7
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	10,663	4,631	2,592	3,511	2,338	2,223	901	742	590	891	51.0	-1.1
American Samoa	37,060	29,876	31,779	40,423	8,188	8,494	7,757	13,100	11,072	2,451	5,593	2,376	3,103	30.6	26.6
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	3,323	1,056	832	699	879	913	363	388	240	285	18.9	-21.3
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	11,301	6,989	2,543	2,918	2,594	3,245	1,049	917	1,347	981	-27.1	-6.4
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	1,767	742	293	428	440	606	135	310	165	131	-20.6	-2.9
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	8,152	2,761	945	1,665	2,836	2,706	877	999	828	879	6.2	0.2
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	5,640	597	969	545	2,098	2,028	197	1,212	192	624	224.8	215.9
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	2,064	481	398	591	625	450	82	87	308	56	-82.0	-32.4
USA	9,592	6,253	11,214	15,127	2,794	6,001	3,687	2,563	2,876	1,175	1,015	1,262	599	-52.5	-49.0
Other countries	4,005	3,979	5,860	10,875	2,264	2,994	4,478	1,785	1,617	386	271	587	759	29.3	96.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,097</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>12,998</b>	<b>9,740</b>	<b>9,870</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>

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

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter					Month				% Change	
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018		2019			2018		2019		Dec 19 / Nov 19	Dec19 / Dec18
					Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Dec	Oct	Nov(P)(*)	Dec (P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	144,208	178,467	182,429	43,910	48,549	35,552	45,460	52,868	24,152	16,112	20,645	16,111	-22.0	33
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	94,809	21,009	17,185	30,484	20,790	26,350	5,582	9,320	7,844	9,187	17.1	65
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	69,433	20,012	10,990	17,500	20,117	20,825	6,026	6,684	5,680	8,461	49.0	40
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	69,003	12,906	19,375	15,846	11,958	21,824	6,323	6,041	7,783	8,000	2.8	27
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	65,448	12,348	9,417	14,648	22,637	18,746	3,474	5,713	7,774	5,259	-32.4	51
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	34,940	10,735	6,266	8,673	8,132	11,869	3,765	3,603	5,298	2,968	-44.0	21
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	29,417	8,677	7,080	7,065	6,820	8,453	2,250	2,719	2,875	2,860	-0.5	27
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	31,626	8,100	6,802	8,535	7,533	8,756	2,561	3,042	2,465	3,248	31.8	27
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	29,660	9,034	6,439	7,858	6,986	8,377	2,270	2,225	3,089	3,063	-0.9	35
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	19,612	7,666	4,481	3,852	4,674	6,605	2,036	1,962	2,513	2,130	-15.2	5
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	18,038	5,470	3,609	4,287	5,016	5,127	2,027	1,751	1,518	1,858	22.4	8
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	17,234	4,337	4,080	4,449	4,144	4,561	1,430	1,249	1,436	1,876	30.6	31
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	11,484	5,470	2,895	1,995	3,346	3,248	1,550	1,462	893	894	0.1	42
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	18,956	5,173	4,815	4,311	3,543	6,287	1,458	2,179	1,687	2,421	43.5	66
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	12,662	3,897	2,558	2,972	3,377	3,756	1,178	1,087	1,313	1,355	3.2	15
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	54,211	14,118	15,404	11,851	12,163	14,794	4,611	4,937	4,503	5,354	18.9	16
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	15,459	3,437	3,205	3,777	4,136	4,341	973	1,154	1,606	1,581	-1.6	62
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	13,049	3,940	2,390	3,357	3,341	3,960	1,348	1,547	1,453	959	-34.0	29
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	12,875	4,286	2,280	3,421	4,126	3,048	1,287	1,454	1,024	570	-44.4	56
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	17,788	3,103	3,737	5,631	3,491	4,929	950	2,300	1,016	1,613	58.7	70
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	9,952	2,308	2,122	2,631	2,538	2,660	895	1,090	795	775	-2.6	13
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	10,569	3,624	3,582	2,465	2,087	2,435	1,048	684	973	778	-20.1	26
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	7,967	2,320	1,721	2,198	1,852	2,197	533	750	688	758	10.1	42
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipment	9,492	9,316	9,520	3,539	2,742	2,066	1,303	3,410	674	1,089	1,583	738	-53.4	9
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	9,474	2,252	2,264	2,510	2,163	2,537	913	748	753	1,036	37.5	13
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	9,391	2,779	1,752	2,268	2,850	2,521	849	650	1,199	672	-44.0	21
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	7,400	2,643	1,133	2,079	2,208	1,980	1,135	641	501	839	67.4	26
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	12,034	3,275	1,953	2,805	3,618	3,658	845	980	1,234	1,444	17.0	71
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	8,136	2,307	1,661	2,050	2,435	1,990	671	792	523	675	28.9	1
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	9,913	2,352	2,508	2,437	2,366	2,602	775	700	730	1,171	60.3	51
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	10,060	1,663	2,511	3,117	1,378	3,054	629	1,079	701	1,275	82.0	103
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	7,978	1,985	1,490	1,721	2,500	2,267	591	739	739	789	6.7	34
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	6,916	2,969	1,624	1,689	1,540	2,063	1,468	934	466	662	42.0	55
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	7,104	2,633	1,488	2,279	1,027	2,310	829	485	584	1,242	112.7	50
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	7,168	1,490	1,868	1,364	1,692	2,243	319	1,086	535	622	16.3	95
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	5,949	1,248	1,300	1,048	1,521	2,081	311	835	571	675	18.2	117
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	5,931	1,437	1,727	1,158	1,468	1,578	308	565	587	426	-27.5	38
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	4,750	1,244	1,081	1,229	1,056	1,384	476	465	445	474	6.4	0
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	5,262	1,212	564	2,245	991	1,462	316	316	488	658	35.0	108
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	3,723	1,029	722	820	961	1,219	320	404	355	460	29.6	44
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	3,567	1,064	897	842	854	973	282	592	174	208	19.5	26
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	8,846	1,351	432	6,179	907	1,328	398	310	643	375	-41.6	6
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	4,342	1,034	678	1,290	1,294	1,080	136	140	562	378	-32.8	178
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	4,342	1,192	938	1,393	846	1,165	542	313	389	463	18.9	15
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	2,164	987	580	436	612	536	336	174	169	193	13.7	43
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	3,120	371	559	1,004	1,031	526	234	100	243	184	-24.5	21
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	2,424	652	431	526	830	637	209	235	201	200	-0.4	4
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	2,332	566	719	807	343	463	168	132	163	168	3.3	0
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	3,380	605	392	693	1,652	643	228	221	94	328	250.2	44
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	2,521	439	364	531	499	1,128	194	184	805	138	-82.8	29
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	1,198	493	146	334	340	378	128	143	55	179	225.6	40
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	817	309	355	107	246	110	5	57	17	36	111.1	557
...	Others	14,616	12,482	14,930	3,649	3,034	5,305	2,768	3,823	1,012	1,335	1,049	1,438	37.1	42
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>93,031</b>	<b>95,510</b>	<b>101,432</b>	<b>100,219</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>8</b>

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

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

SITC Section	Annual				Quarter					Month				% change	
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018	2019				2018	2019			Dec19 / Nov19	Dec19 / Dec18
					Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Dec	Oct	Nov(P)(*)	Dec (P)		
Food & Live Animal	235,810	232,794	249,568	246,220	72,640	49,630	59,256	64,850	72,483	22,055	24,067	22,329	26,088	16.8	18.3
Beverages & Tobacco	12,568	11,548	11,226	10,100	2,928	1,615	3,013	3,050	2,422	1,327	717	688	1,016	47.6	-23.4
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	21,317	24,438	31,810	35,063	10,117	7,055	10,068	7,696	10,244	3,560	3,053	4,613	2,578	-44.1	-27.6
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	122,284	143,389	173,370	175,246	42,956	45,377	32,563	44,806	52,499	23,962	16,069	20,509	15,921	-22.4	-33.6
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,654	5,766	6,144	5,940	1,810	1,254	1,432	1,854	1,399	499	604	344	451	31.0	-9.6
Chemicals & Related Products	67,573	62,072	70,209	69,884	19,948	14,426	17,496	18,994	18,967	6,078	6,184	6,850	5,933	-13.4	-2.4
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	144,926	148,194	139,555	159,098	42,421	40,546	39,243	33,494	45,815	12,927	15,397	13,476	16,942	25.7	31.1
Machinery & Transport Equipment	190,595	178,973	175,742	230,974	46,448	46,207	62,158	55,595	67,015	15,436	21,169	23,405	22,441	-4.1	45.4
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	98,260	93,809	81,783	98,777	25,362	20,783	30,455	21,225	26,313	7,186	8,247	9,219	8,848	-4.0	23.1
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	18	13	35	11	18	4	2	2	4	1	4	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>93,031</b>	<b>95,510</b>	<b>101,432</b>	<b>100,218</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>

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**Table 7: Imports by Region, by main Countries of Exports**  
**Values (in '000 Tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter					Month				% Change	
					2018	2019				2018	2019			Dec19 /Nov19	Dec19 /Dec18
	2016	2017	2018	2019(P)	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Dec	Oct	Nov(P)(*)	Dec(P)		
<b>Region</b>															
Africa	17	47	195	41	20	14	13	14	1	20	1	0	0	0.0	0.0
America	95,957	103,318	95,229	93,527	29,237	14,817	23,889	24,466	30,356	9,236	8,735	11,495	10,126	-11.9	9.6
Asia	381,432	383,539	427,408	489,645	124,606	115,666	118,254	116,515	139,211	49,881	45,342	43,915	49,954	13.7	0.1
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	10,952	867	3,778	3,002	2,712	1,460	219	543	738	179	-75.7	-18.2
Oceania	408,679	388,321	408,355	437,147	109,918	92,623	110,530	107,860	126,134	33,675	40,890	45,284	39,959	-11.8	18.7
Other	0	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	69,035	58,979	67,945	66,967	76,195	22,425	25,063	27,235	23,897	-12.3	6.6
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	93,043	23,629	20,226	24,614	22,525	25,678	6,619	8,882	9,739	7,057	-27.5	6.6
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	66,895	15,636	12,301	16,430	16,715	21,449	4,073	6,677	8,063	6,708	-16.8	64.7
United States of America	92,621	100,314	92,867	90,688	28,321	14,303	22,877	24,007	29,502	8,959	8,140	11,245	10,117	-10.0	12.9
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	127,719	30,281	30,374	46,946	18,765	31,635	9,648	9,665	7,896	14,074	78.2	45.9
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	50,131	16,629	13,141	10,356	10,832	15,801	7,985	3,751	6,852	5,198	-24.1	34.9
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	11,160	3,960	3,055	2,595	2,779	2,731	1,193	1,146	465	1,120	140.8	6.1
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	40,280	10,770	7,551	7,610	12,028	13,091	2,708	4,661	4,160	4,271	2.7	57.7
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	9,788	2,177	1,685	3,020	2,084	3,000	759	791	849	1,360	60.2	79.2
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	1,990	448	662	460	518	350	1	130	64	156	143.8	13,992.1
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	174,133	42,053	44,569	32,651	46,023	50,890	23,350	16,695	16,994	17,201	1.2	26.3
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	28,481	8,496	7,662	5,424	5,816	9,578	2,145	3,018	2,223	4,337	95.1	102.2
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	12,268	1,498	1,229	1,237	8,062	1,740	590	42	861	837	-2.8	41.9
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	4,783	1,786	965	370	409	3,039	57	636	1,383	1,019	-26.3	1,678.2
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	19,583	4,943	2,526	5,471	6,186	5,400	1,020	3,077	2,194	129	-94.1	87.3
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	580	143	285	167	34	95	8	0	36	59	66.1	649.3
Tonga	2,248	187	489	296	238	58	38	140	59	48	33	17	9	-48.0	81.1
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	4,551	283	982	273	1,583	1,713	177	1,138	254	322	26.9	82.4
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	5,035	1,214	956	1,385	1,203	1,490	318	607	522	361	-30.8	13.5
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	19,824	3,106	5,389	5,820	4,889	3,726	947	1,359	381	1,986	421.3	109.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>93,031</b>	<b>95,510</b>	<b>101,432</b>	<b>100,218</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>

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