



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### MERCHANDISE TRADE

March 2019 quarter

#### Highlights of the quarter

(March 2019 quarter compared with December 2018 quarter)

- Total merchandise exports fell 17.7 percent to \$30.7 million.
- Total merchandise imports fell 14.3 percent to \$226.9 million.
- There was a trade deficit of \$196.2 million.

#### Overview

#### Value of Merchandise Exports

In the March 2019 quarter, merchandise exports were valued at \$30.7 million, decreasing 17.7 percent from the previous quarter. Mainly responsible for the current decrease were lower values of dairy products and mineral fuels. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of merchandise exports increased 53.0 percent. (See graph 1 and table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2019 showed a 22.0 percent increase in the total value of merchandise exports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2018.

#### Exports of Main Commodities

In the March 2019 quarter, fish, crustaceans and molluscs became the top commodity groups exported, valued at \$9.7 million (31.5 percent of total merchandise exports value), increasing 23.2 percent and 62.8 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products decreased 23.7 percent (to \$7.1 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 23.2 percent of total exports value, with exports of jet fuel the main driver for the current fall (down \$1.6 million). When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of mineral fuels increased 21.6 percent.

Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts (\$5.4 million) accounting for 17.8 percent of total merchandise exports value, increasing 31.9 percent from the previous quarter. Noni juice (\$5.1 million) was the main driver for the current increase (up \$1.2 million). In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of preparation of vegetables, fruits and nuts was four times higher.

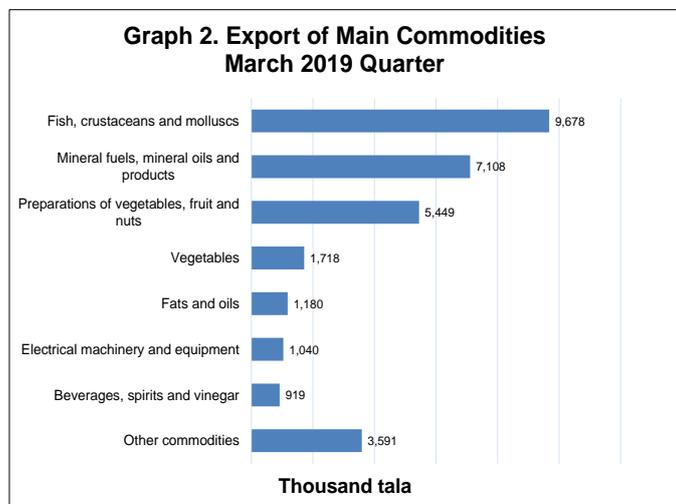
Vegetables decreased 20.3 percent (to \$1.7 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.6 percent of total merchandise exports value. Taro was mainly responsible for the current fall (down \$435.6 thousand). In comparison with the same quarter of 2018, the current of vegetable products exports increased 21.5 percent.

Fats and oil were valued at \$1.1 million (3.8 percent of total merchandise exports value). This value was two times higher than the previous quarter and twenty seven times higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively; reflecting coconut oil (\$1.1 million) to be the main commodity exported and the main driver for the current increase.

Electrical machinery and equipment were valued at \$1.0 million, accounting for 3.4 percent of total merchandise exports value, increasing 53.6 percent from the previous quarter and three times higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Beverage, spirit and vinegar were valued at \$919 thousand tala (3.0 percent of total merchandise

exports value). This value was 58.4 percent lower than the previous quarter reflecting beer (\$818.7 thousand) the main driver for the current decrease (down \$1.3 million). In comparison with the same quarter of 2018, the current value of beverage, spirit and vinegar exports decreased 43.4 percent. All other commodities with less than 3.0 percent share of total merchandise exports value had a combined total of \$3.6 million. (See graph 2 table 2.)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

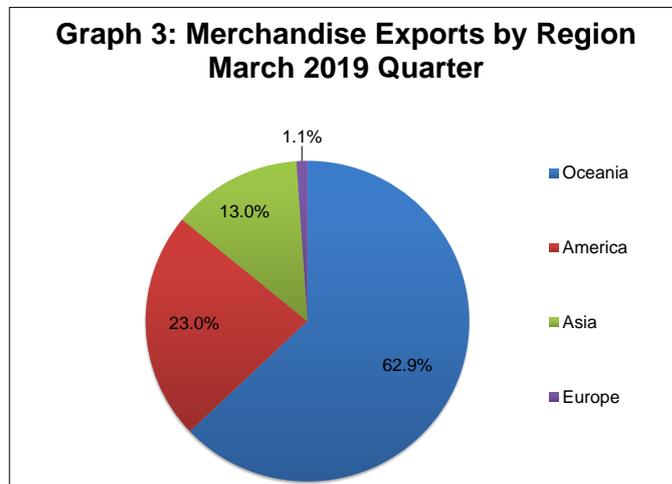
### Merchandise Exports by Region

In the March 2019 quarter, the Oceanic region had the largest share of total merchandise exports value with 62.9 percent, decreasing 30.5 percent from the previous quarter but increasing 28.9 percent when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018.

The American region followed next with a 23.0 percent share, recording two times higher than the previous quarter and 6 times higher than the same quarter of 2018.

The Asian region had a total share of 13.0 percent, decreasing 37.2 percent from the previous quarter but 13.8 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

The European region had the least share (1.1 percent) of total merchandise exports value, increasing 53.3 percent and 5.4 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively (See graph 3 and table 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination

American Samoa remained as the leading country of destination for merchandise exports in the March 2019 quarter accounting for 27.7 percent (\$8.5 million) of total merchandise exports value. This value was 3.7 percent and 61.5 percent higher than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

USA reported a total share of 19.6 percent (\$6.0 million). This was two times higher than the previous quarter and five times higher than the corresponding of 2018 respectively.

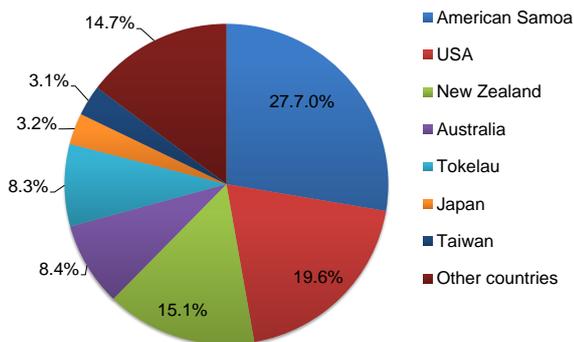
New Zealand represented 15.1 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 31.7 percent from the previous quarter but 7.9 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Australia accounted for 8.4 percent (\$2.6 million) of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 44.0 percent from the previous quarter but 64.7 percent higher when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Tokelau had a total share of 8.3 percent (\$2.5 million), decreasing 63.6 percent and 9.7 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Japan and Taiwan represented 3.2 percent and 3.1 percent of total merchandise value respectively while all other countries of destination accounted for less than 3.0 percent of total merchandise exports values had a combined share of 14.7 percent. (See graph 4 and table 4).

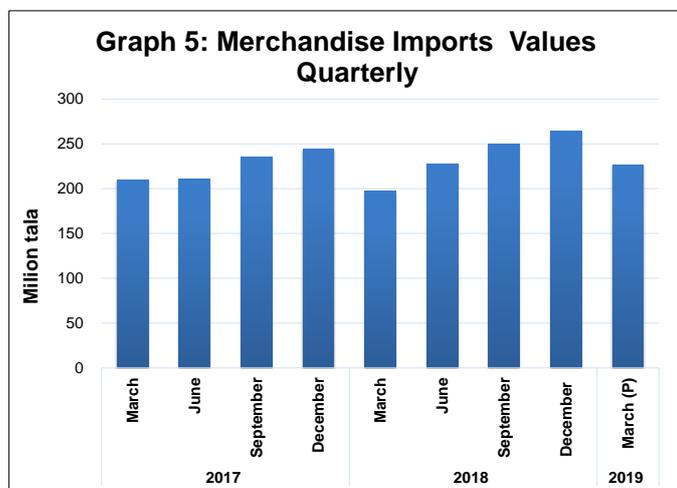
**Graph 4: Merchandise Exports by Countries of Destination  
March 2019 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Value of Merchandise Imports

In the March 2019 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$226.9 million. This value was 14.3 percent lower than the previous quarter but 15.2 percent higher when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018. (See graph 5 and table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2019 showed a 9.2 percent increase in the total value of merchandise imports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2018.

### Imports of Main Commodities

Minerals products maintained the top commodity groups imported in March 2019 quarter, valued at \$48.5 million (21.4 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 10.6 percent and 54.5 percent higher than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

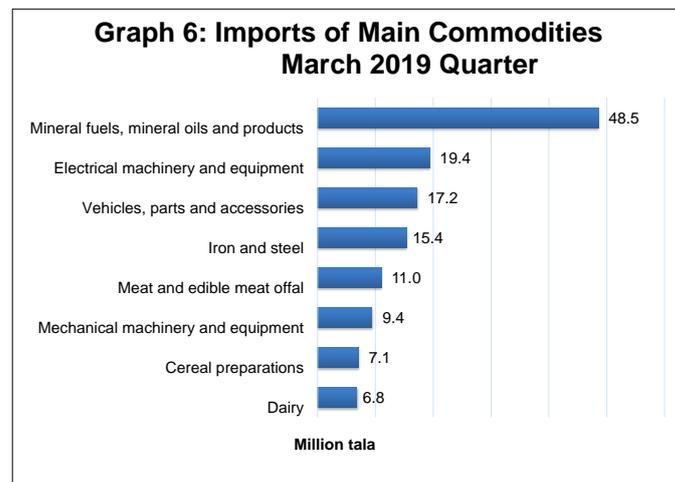
Electrical machinery and equipment reported a total value of \$19.4 million, increasing 50.3 percent and 23.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Vehicle, parts and accessories were valued at \$17.2 million (7.6 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 18.2 percent from the previous quarter but 24.3 percent higher when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018. Iron and steel had a total value of \$15.4 million (6.8 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 9.1 percent and 82.9 percent from the previous quarter and corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

Meat and edible meat offal were valued at \$11.0 million (4.8 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 45.1 percent and 22.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Mechanical machinery and equipment were valued at \$9.4 million (4.2 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 23.7 percent and 10.8 percent from the previous quarter and same quarter last year respectively.

Imports of cereal preparation and dairy products were decreased from the previous quarter valued at \$7.1 million and \$6.8 million respectively while all other commodities accounted for less than 3.0 percent share of total merchandise imports value had a combined total of \$92.1 million (40.6 percent). (See graph 6 and table 5)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

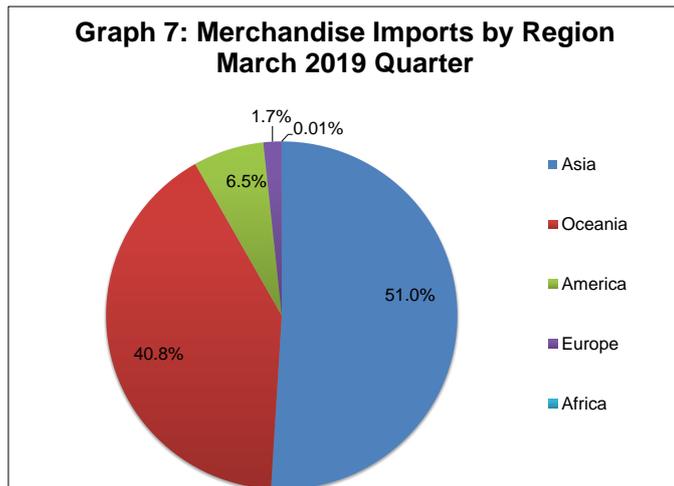
### Merchandise Imports by Region

In the March 2019 quarter, the Asian region recorded the largest share of total merchandise imports value with 51.0 percent, decreasing 7.2 percent from the previous quarter but 37.5 percent higher when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

Oceania recorded a total share of 40.8 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 15.7 percent but 3.5 percent higher when compared with the March 2018 quarter.

America had a total share of 6.5 percent, decreasing 49.3 percent and 33.5 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

Europe represented 1.7 percent of total merchandise imports value while Africa reported the least share with 0.01 percent. (See graph 7 and table 7)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### **Merchandise Imports by major source markets**

New Zealand continued to be the leading source markets for merchandise imports in the March 2019 quarter, despite the 14.6 percent fall in its value from the previous quarter, accounting for 26.0 percent of total merchandise imports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of imports from New Zealand increased 10.0 percent.

Singapore accounted for 19.6 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 6.0 percent and 37.2 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

China accounted for 13.4 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 0.3 percent from the previous and 79.4 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Australia recorded an 8.9 percent share of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 14.4 percent and 10.9 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2018 respectively.

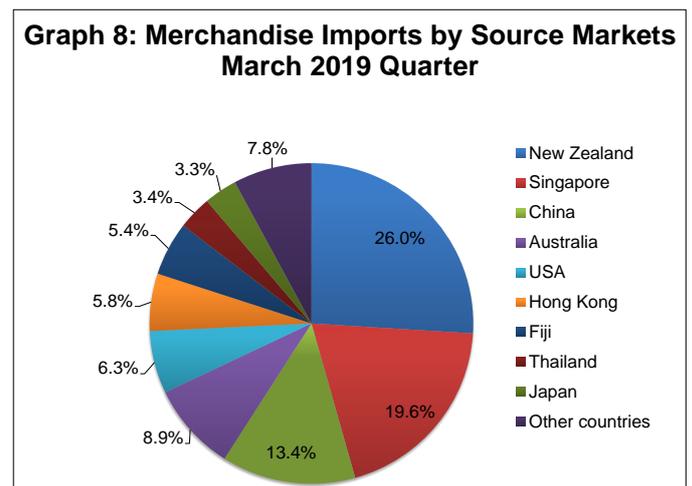
USA represented 6.3 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 49.5 percent and 33.5 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2018 respectively.

Hong Kong accounted for 5.8 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 21.0 percent from the previous quarter but increasing 70.5 percent when compared with the same quarter of 2018.

Fiji decreased 21.3 percent from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.4 percent of total merchandise imports value. When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018, the current value of imports from Fiji decreased 1.3 percent.

Imports from Thailand and Japan were also decreased representing 3.4 percent and 3.3 percent of total merchandise imports value

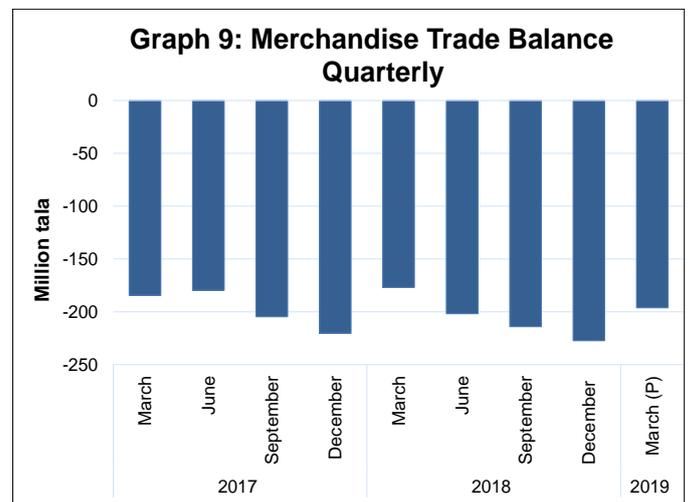
respectively. All other countries accounted for less than 3.0 percent of total merchandise imports value had a combined share of 7.8 percent. (See graph 8 and table 8)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### **Merchandise Trade Balance**

In the March 2019 quarter, the total value of merchandise imports (\$226.9 million) exceeded that of exports (\$30.6 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$196.2 million. (See graph 9 and table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The June 2019 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Aliimuamua Malaefono Taua T-Faasalaina**  
Government Statistician/(CEO)

## **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**

March 2019 quarter: (January, February, March 2019)

Capital goods: are produced assets that are used repeatedly or continuously, for longer than one year, in industrial production processes. Examples are machinery, trucks, and aircraft.

cif: is the cost of goods, including insurance and freight to Samoa.

Consumption goods: are goods used (without further transformation in industrial production processes) by households, government, or non-profit institutions serving households.

Exports (domestic): are goods of domestic origin exported from Samoa to another country. Exports in this release are valued fob and are shown in Samoan tala.

fob: is free on board (the value of goods at Samoa ports before export).

Imports: are goods imported into Samoa. Imports in this release are valued at cif and are shown in Samoan tala.

Intermediate goods: are goods used up, or transformed in, industrial production processes.

Merchandise trade: covers exports or imports of goods that alter the nation's stock of material resources.

Provisional: statistics for the latest three months are provisional, to allow late data and amendments to be included.

Re-exports: are exports of foreign goods which were previously recorded as Samoa's imports.

Trade balance: is calculated by deducting imports (cif) from exports (fob). These two valuations are not entirely comparable, because the cif valuation includes insurance and freight to Samoa, while the fob valuation excludes insurance and freight from Samoa.

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

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

**Table 1: Overseas Merchandise Trade**  
**Values (000 tala) <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 (P)	119,204	939,443	-820,239
<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 (P)	30,683	226,898	-196,215
<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 (P)	11,694	74,815	-63,122
	February (P)	7,402	61,818	-54,415
	March (P)	11,587	90,266	-78,678

1 Exports are valued fob (free on board – the value of goods at Samoa ports before export, in Samoan tala) and include re-exports, while 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

**Source:** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

HS Code	Commodity	Annual		Quarter					% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019	Mar19 /Dec18	Mar19 / Mar18
		2017	2018	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)		
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,259	33,836	5,944	5,549	14,487	7,856	9,678	23.2	62.8
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	5,848	7,727	7,776	9,312	7,108	-23.7	21.6
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	1,139	1,974	3,013	4,132	5,449	31.9	378.5
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	1,414	1,967	1,850	2,155	1,718	-20.3	21.5
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	1,622	1,811	1,699	2,209	919	-58.4	-43.4
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	575	348	375	351	177	-49.6	-69.3
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	24	866	540	2,247	337	-85.0	1298.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	360	852	1,384	677	1,040	53.6	188.8
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	44	529	1,147	548	1,180	115.2	2588.7
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	518	554	364	524	601	14.6	16.0
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	344	285	120	561	16	-97.2	-95.4
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	210	160	190	553	346	-37.5	64.9
18	Cocoa	638	908	58	553	69	226	24	-89.5	-59.4
24	Tobacco	462	699	115	192	153	238	238	-0.1	107.0
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	20	125	147	213	382	79.0	1814.0
12	Oil seeds	177	477	131	129	84	134	42	-68.8	-68.1
4	Dairy	160	477	82	114	245	3,235	37	-98.8	-54.6
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	128	192	131	19	2	-88.0	-98.2
64	Footwear	333	464	1	116	45	301	110	-63.6	8267.7
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	167	80	169	35	99	181.4	-40.8
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	89	187	235	182	273	49.8	207.7
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	45	150	84	150	24	-83.7	-46.1
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	80	98	138	74	30	-59.9	-63.1
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	35	44	162	116	92	-20.8	164.7
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	23	44	175	73	23	-68.3	1.5
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	164	70	14	63	5	-91.4	-96.7
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	20	130	62	89	54	-39.1	166.9
25	Mineral substances	306	291	23	58	40	170	29	-83.1	25.1
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	12	32	35	192	15	-92.0	29.1
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	51	34	76	79	26	-67.3	-49.3
17	Sugar	56	152	45	30	39	38	10	-72.9	-77.1
10	Cereals	67	143	21	29	65	28	9	-69.2	-58.0
...	Others	3,462	2,937	698	829	908	496	592	19.3	-15.3
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>53.0</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.

2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

#### Symbols

P Provisional figures

0 Insignificant/nil value

... no code available

**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	Mar19 /	Mar19 /
	2016	2017	2018	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)	Dec18	Mar18
Food & Live Animal	60,826	54,898	63,598	10,660	11,857	21,232	19,849	18,610	-6.2	74.6
Beverages & Tobacco	4,532	5,683	8,012	1,737	1,983	1,852	2,439	1,156	-52.6	-33.4
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,993	2,081	1,017	258	274	174	311	228	-26.7	-11.4
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	30,888	32,613	30,656	5,848	7,727	7,776	9,305	7,104	-23.7	21.5
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,242	1,398	1,580	17	425	721	416	3	-99.4	-84.5
Chemicals & Related Products	249	1,447	1,649	320	268	587	475	1,257	164.9	292.9
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	975	2,548	2,904	555	891	836	623	211	-66.1	-62.0
Machinery & Transport Equipment	40,685	9,475	4,212	416	1,030	1,695	1,070	1,520	42.0	265.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	1,366	2,072	5,577	239	1,401	1,149	2,787	593	-78.7	147.9
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>53.0</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.

2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

**Symbols**

P Provisional figures

0 Insignificant/nil value

**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

**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	Mar19 / Dec18	Mar19 / Mar18
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)		
<b>Region</b>										
Africa	18	32	1	0	0	0	1	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
America	9,597	7,597	11,549	1,158	4,117	3,360	2,914	7,050	142.0	508.6
Asia	17,707	13,781	19,118	3,506	4,268	4,993	6,351	3,989	-37.2	13.8
Europe	978	635	977	315	217	229	217	332	53.3	5.4
Oceania	115,455	90,170	87,474	14,986	17,256	27,439	27,793	19,312	-30.5	28.9
Other	0	0	84	84	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>Top Countries</b>										
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	4,286	4,770	5,272	6,773	4,623	-31.7	7.9
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	1,573	3,391	3,255	4,631	2,592	-44.0	64.7
American Samoa	37,060	29,876	31,779	5,261	4,821	13,510	8,188	8,494	3.7	61.5
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	767	849	1,561	1,056	832	-21.3	8.4
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	2,814	3,136	3,500	6,989	2,543	-63.6	-9.7
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	75	238	390	742	293	-60.6	291.2
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	945	-65.8	-31.5
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	1,333	1,087	978	597	969	62.2	-27.3
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	425	231	434	481	398	-17.1	-6.3
USA	9,592	6,253	11,214	1,126	4,036	3,258	2,794	6,001	114.8	433.2
Other countries	4,005	3,979	5,860	1,011	1,166	1,420	2,264	2,994	32.2	196.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>53.0</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.

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

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

HS Code	Commodity	Annual		Quarter					% Change (quarter)	
		2017	2018	2018				2019	Mar19 /Dec18	Mar19 / Mar18
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	144,208	178,467	31,425	47,600	55,532	43,910	48,549	10.6	54.5
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	13,829	17,125	16,665	21,009	17,185	-18.2	24.3
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	14,150	14,925	16,401	20,012	10,990	-45.1	-22.3
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	15,718	14,929	11,928	12,906	19,375	50.1	23.3
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	10,553	12,138	15,713	12,348	9,417	-23.7	-10.8
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	4,738	7,643	8,023	10,735	6,266	-41.6	32.2
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	6,830	7,434	6,944	8,677	7,080	-18.4	3.7
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	6,836	6,959	7,379	8,100	6,802	-16.0	-0.5
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	6,103	6,297	7,797	9,034	6,439	-28.7	5.5
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	5,194	5,158	6,233	7,666	4,481	-41.5	-13.7
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	3,698	3,897	5,232	5,470	3,609	-34.0	-2.4
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	3,741	4,253	4,534	4,337	4,080	-5.9	9.1
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	3,002	4,038	4,103	5,470	2,895	-47.1	-3.6
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	4,691	3,564	2,949	5,173	4,815	-6.9	2.7
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	3,426	3,920	3,898	3,897	2,558	-34.4	-25.3
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	8,423	11,379	12,864	14,118	15,404	9.1	82.9
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	3,421	3,530	3,858	3,437	3,205	-6.8	-6.3
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	3,198	4,066	2,914	3,940	2,390	-39.3	-25.2
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	4,184	2,460	3,001	4,286	2,280	-46.8	-45.5
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	2,629	3,157	4,596	3,103	3,737	20.4	42.1
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	2,277	2,955	3,077	2,308	2,122	-8.1	-6.8
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	2,474	1,521	2,607	3,624	3,582	-1.2	44.8
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	2,221	2,976	2,286	2,320	1,721	-25.8	-22.5
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipment	9,492	9,316	1,563	2,115	2,099	3,539	2,742	-22.5	75.4
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	2,211	2,332	2,455	2,252	2,264	0.5	2.4
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	1,836	1,903	2,708	2,779	1,752	-37.0	-4.6
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	2,108	1,940	2,179	2,643	1,133	-57.1	-46.2
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	1,434	1,651	2,226	3,275	1,953	-40.4	36.2
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	1,653	2,213	2,323	2,307	1,661	-28.0	0.5
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	1,661	1,702	1,725	2,352	2,508	6.6	51.0
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	2,223	1,304	2,222	1,663	2,511	51.0	13.0
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	1,148	1,316	2,113	1,985	1,490	-24.9	29.8
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	1,099	1,389	939	2,969	1,624	-45.3	47.7
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	1,243	1,059	1,147	2,633	1,488	-43.5	19.7
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	1,309	1,154	1,299	1,490	1,868	25.4	42.7
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	1,046	1,307	1,535	1,248	1,300	4.1	24.3
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	950	632	1,654	1,437	1,727	20.2	81.8
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	1,009	1,246	1,156	1,244	1,081	-13.1	7.1
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	922	821	1,029	1,212	564	-53.4	-38.8
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	846	932	1,167	1,029	722	-29.8	-14.6
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	819	642	1,336	1,064	897	-15.7	9.5
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	599	922	838	1,351	432	-68.0	-28.0
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	557	1,171	933	1,034	678	-34.4	21.7
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	659	647	1,085	1,192	938	-21.3	42.3
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	803	596	744	987	580	-41.2	-27.7
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	1,195	756	429	371	559	50.5	-53.3
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	572	725	736	652	431	-33.9	-24.5
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	367	1,033	430	566	719	26.9	95.6
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	524	551	549	605	392	-35.2	-25.2
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	483	420	479	439	364	-17.1	-24.7
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	269	397	437	493	146	-70.4	-45.7
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	228	306	250	309	355	15.0	55.7
...	Others	14,616	12,482	2,922	2,547	3,364	3,649	3,034	-16.8	3.8
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>15.2</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

... no code available

**Source:** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

**Table 6: Imports (value) by major items, SITC(3)**  
**Values (000 tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter					% Change (quarter)	
				2018				2019	Mar19 /	Mar19 /
	2016	2017	2018	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)	Dec18	Mar18
Food & Live Animal	235,810	232,794	249,568	54,434	58,856	63,638	72,640	49,630	-31.7	-8.8
Beverages & Tobacco	12,568	11,548	11,226	3,197	2,571	2,530	2,928	1,615	-44.8	-49.5
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	21,317	24,438	31,810	3,685	8,384	9,624	10,117	7,055	-30.3	91.5
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	122,284	143,389	173,370	31,254	46,306	52,854	42,956	45,377	5.6	45.2
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,654	5,766	6,144	1,129	1,631	1,574	1,810	1,254	-30.7	11.1
Chemicals & Related Products	67,573	62,072	70,209	16,255	15,467	18,540	19,948	14,426	-27.7	-11.2
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	144,926	148,194	139,555	30,287	31,857	34,990	42,421	40,546	-4.4	33.9
Machinery & Transport Equipment	190,595	178,973	175,742	40,213	44,296	44,786	46,448	46,207	-0.5	14.9
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	98,260	93,809	81,783	16,559	18,277	21,585	25,362	20,783	-18.1	25.5
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	18	13	35	7	7	2	18	4	-80.2	-52.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>15.2</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

**Symbols**

P Provisional figures

0 Insignificant/nil value

**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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

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

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

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

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

**Symbols**

P Provisional figures

0 Insignificant/nil value

**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

**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	Mar19 /	Mar19 /
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)	Dec18	Mar18
<b>Region</b>										
Africa	17	47	195	32	6	137	20	14	-29.3	-55.8
America	95,957	103,318	95,229	22,272	18,610	25,110	29,237	14,817	-49.3	-33.5
Asia	381,432	383,539	427,408	84,099	103,291	115,411	124,606	115,666	-7.2	37.5
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	1,134	3,771	2,485	867	3,778	335.7	233.2
Oceania	408,679	388,321	408,355	89,482	101,973	106,981	109,918	92,623	-15.7	3.5
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>Top Countries</b>										
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	53,638	65,784	67,170	69,035	58,979	-14.6	10.0
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	22,705	22,506	24,200	23,629	20,226	-14.4	-10.9
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	12,462	12,700	13,041	15,636	12,301	-21.3	-1.3
United States of America	92,621	100,314	92,867	21,503	18,159	24,884	28,321	14,303	-49.5	-33.5
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	16,931	15,440	22,120	30,281	30,374	0.3	79.4
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	7,708	9,225	12,327	16,629	13,141	-21.0	70.5
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	3,087	2,443	2,835	3,960	3,055	-22.9	-1.1
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	5,611	12,660	10,947	10,770	7,551	-29.9	34.6
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	1,604	1,862	1,379	2,177	1,685	-22.6	5.1
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	105	134	164	448	662	47.8	531.7
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	32,490	45,982	53,038	42,053	44,569	6.0	37.2
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	5,197	7,684	5,463	8,496	7,662	-9.8	47.4
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	2,069	1,308	856	1,498	1,229	-18.0	-40.6
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	662	1,332	1,063	1,786	965	-46.0	45.8
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	7,056	2,974	3,133	4,943	2,526	-48.9	-64.2
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	72	11	120	143	285	99.2	296.1
Tonga	2,248	187	489	3	102	146	238	58	-75.5	2,207.8
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	564	670	915	283	982	246.8	74.0
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	663	809	723	1,214	956	-21.2	44.3
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	2,891	5,867	5,601	3,106	5,389	73.5	86.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>15.2</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