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IMPORT PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER 2020 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2018 quarter = 100.0)

Highlights of the quarter

(December 2020 quarter compared with September 2020 quarter)

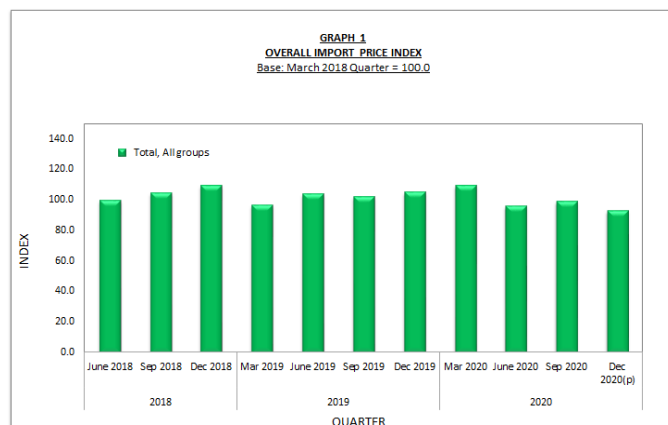
- Import Price Index declined 6.3 percent from September 2020 quarter.
- Food and Beverages recorded the largest decrease (down 11.2 percent).

Overview

The Import Price Index for December 2020 quarter showed an overall decrease of 6.3 percent from the previous quarter. This reduction was driven by 11.2 percent fall in Food and Beverage mainly canned fish (down 28.0 percent) and canned beef (down 18.7 percent) to name a few. The December 2020 quarter import price index decreased 11.9 percent compared to December quarter 2019.

The four-quarters ending December 2020 declined 2.7 percent in the overall import price index, compared to the four quarters ending December 2019.

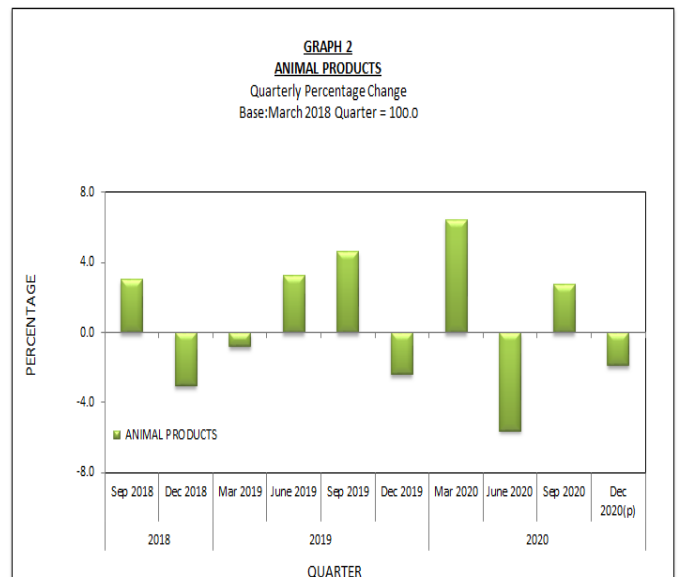
(See table 1 & 2 and graph 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Product prices fell 1.9%.

Import price index for Live Animal Products in the December 2020 quarter fell 1.9 percent, following a 2.8 percent increase in the previous quarter. This fall was led by dairy products (down 7.7 percent), reflecting lower prices of butter (down 27.5 percent), cheese (down 4.7 percent) despite the increase in meat products by 0.5 percent. When compared to December 2019 quarter, the live animals and animal product index edged up 1.3 percent. The four-quarters ending December 2020 showed an increase of 4.1 percent in the overall index for live animals and animal products over the four-quarters ending December 2019. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 2).

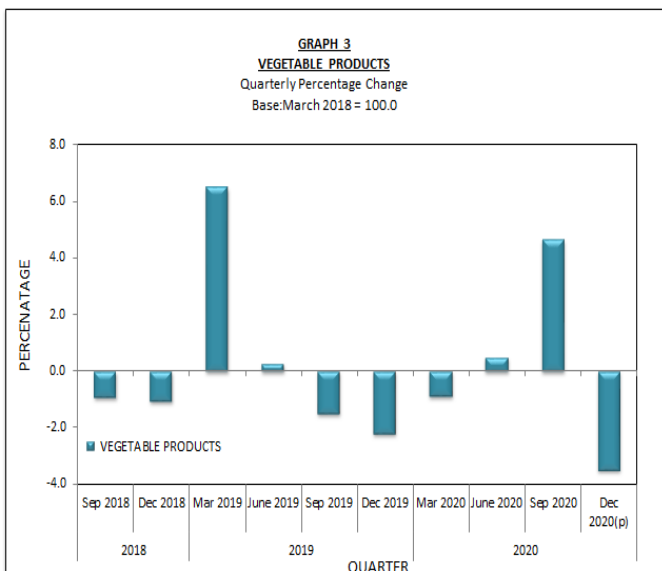


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices fell 3.5%.

Import prices for Vegetable Products in the December 2020 quarter fell 3.5 percent over the previous quarter. The decrease was mainly due to lower import prices of rice (down 18.5 percent). When compared to the same quarter last year, the vegetable products index increased 0.6 percent.

The four quarters ending December 2020, decrease 1.5 percent in the overall index compared to the four-quarters ending December 2019. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3).

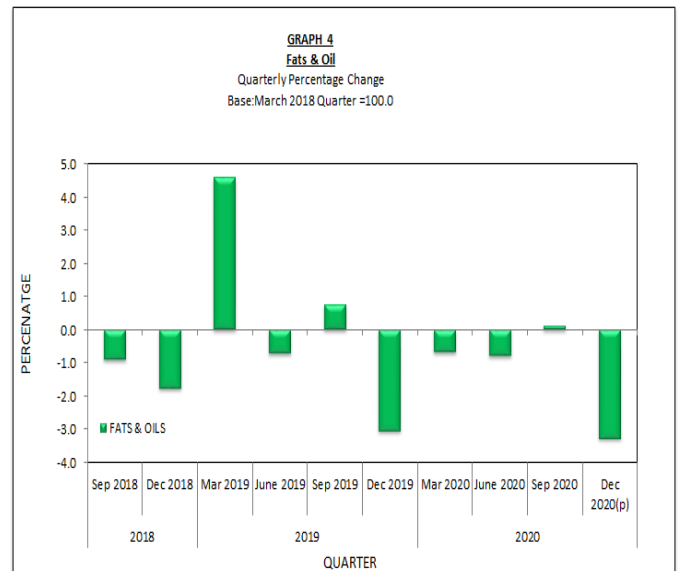


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices fell 3.3%.

Animals or Vegetable fats and oils import prices fell 3.3 percent in the December 2020 quarter. The decline reflected lower prices of vegetable oil (down 21.6 percent) and sunflower oil (down 2.9 percent). In comparison with the December 2019 quarter, the animal or vegetable fats and oil index fell 4.6 percent.

The four-quarters ending December 2020 decreased 4.1 percent when compared to the four-quarters ending December 2019. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4).

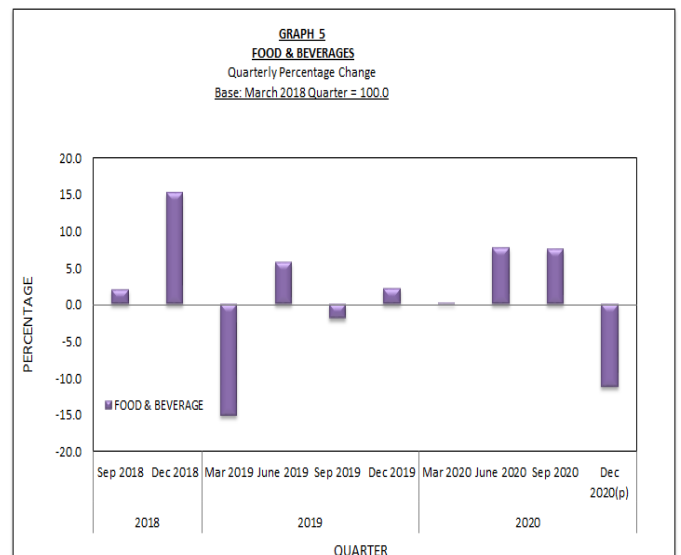


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 4: Food and Beverage prices fell 11.2%.

In December 2020 quarter, the Food and Beverage import prices fell 11.2 percent compared to the previous quarter. This reduction was influenced by lower prices of canned meats (down 23.2 percent) and sugar (down 8.1 percent), reflecting lower prices of canned fish (down 28.0 percent), corned beef (down 18.7 percent) and sugar (down 8.1 percent). In comparison with the corresponding quarters of 2019, the food and beverage index was 2.9 percent higher.

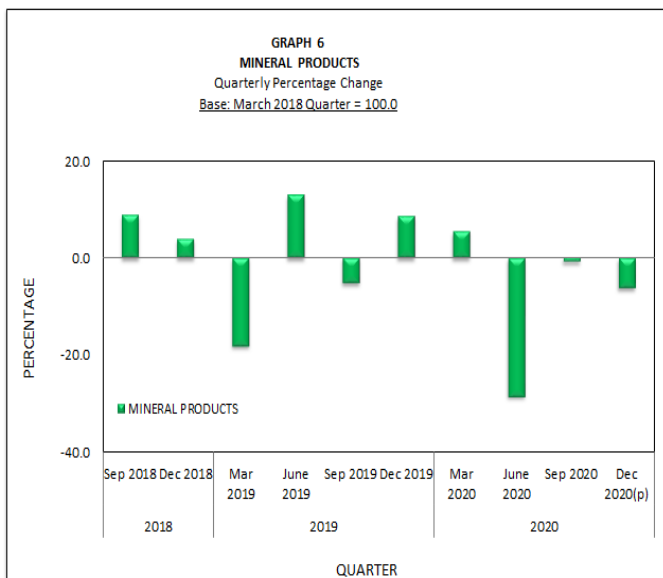
Reviewing the four-quarters ending December 2020 over the same period ending December 2019, the overall Food and Beverage rose 8.8 percent. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 5: Mineral Products price fell 6.3%.

Import price for Mineral Products fell 6.3 percent in the December 2020 quarter, following a 0.8 percent fall in the September 2020 quarter. The fall was influenced by lower prices of petroleum gases (down 27.8 percent) and petroleum fuel (down 3.5 percent). When compared to the December 2019 quarter, the mineral products index declined 29.9 percent. The four-quarters ending December 2020 fell 13.2 percent over the four-quarters ending December 2019. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 6).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Technical Notes

The Import Price Index (MPI) measures changes in the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) prices of imports of merchandise into Samoa. It is a fixed weight index with March 2018 quarter = 100.0 and is calculated on a quarterly basis using the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS). The items included in the index were selected on the basis of their importance to the total import.

The scope of the MPI relates to the following sections of the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS): 1. Live Animals: Animal Products, 2. Vegetable Products, 3. Animal or Vegetable fats and oils, 4. Food and Beverages and 5. Mineral Products. The index represents 50 percent of total Imports.

The MPI report for March 2021 is expected to be available on 14th May 2021.

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IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight 2018	2018			2019				2020				% Change		
			June 2018	Sep 2018	Dec 2018	Mar 2019	June 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Mar 2020	June 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020(p)	Dec 20/ Sep 20	Dec 20 /Dec 19	4 Qtr over 4 Qtr
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	100.0	101.7	104.8	101.5	100.7	104.0	108.8	106.1	113.0	106.6	109.6	107.5	-1.9	1.3	4.1
2	Meat	69.1	103.0	107.7	105.5	102.5	106.0	113.9	109.2	119.3	110.9	112.2	112.8	0.5	3.2	5.4
4	Dairy	30.9	98.9	98.3	92.8	96.7	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.8	97.0	103.7	95.8	-7.7	-3.4	0.8
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	100.0	100.2	99.3	98.3	104.7	104.9	103.3	101.0	100.1	100.6	105.3	101.6	-3.5	0.6	-1.5
7	Vegetables	23.1	98.9	93.3	91.3	107.2	106.3	96.5	93.2	92.2	92.2	86.6	101.8	17.5	9.2	-7.6
10	Cereals	41.4	102.5	101.6	101.9	106.7	105.9	108.9	103.4	102.0	104.9	115.6	94.2	-18.5	-8.9	-1.9
11	Milled products	35.5	98.5	100.5	98.5	100.6	102.9	101.2	103.4	103.2	101.2	105.4	110.1	4.5	6.6	2.9
III.	FATS & OILS	100.0	95.6	94.7	93.1	97.3	96.6	97.4	94.4	93.8	93.1	93.2	90.1	-3.3	-4.6	-4.1
15	Fats & oils	100.0	95.6	94.7	93.1	97.3	96.6	97.4	94.4	93.8	93.1	93.2	90.1	-3.3	-4.6	-4.1
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	100.0	96.6	98.5	113.5	96.3	101.8	99.8	101.9	102.0	109.9	118.1	104.9	-11.2	2.9	8.8
16	Canned Meats	35.5	100.8	110.3	111.6	105.3	107.2	109.1	109.7	108.6	127.9	147.0	112.8	-23.2	2.8	15.1
17	Sugars	20.7	83.5	76.7	74.8	72.7	73.7	67.8	68.2	66.9	73.8	75.3	69.2	-8.1	1.4	1.0
19	Cereals	43.8	99.3	99.3	133.3	100.1	110.7	107.4	111.6	113.3	112.4	114.9	115.3	0.3	3.4	6.1
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	100.0	99.8	108.6	112.7	92.1	104.1	98.9	107.2	113.0	80.9	80.2	75.2	-6.3	-29.9	-13.2
27	Mineral fuels	100.0	99.8	108.6	112.7	92.1	104.1	98.9	107.2	113.0	80.9	80.2	75.2	-6.3	-29.9	-13.2
	Total, All groups	500.0	99.4	104.1	108.6	96.4	103.5	101.7	104.8	108.7	95.7	98.5	92.3	-6.3	-11.9	-2.7

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

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Table 2

	Weight 2018	2018			2019				2020				%Change Dec 20 / Sep 20
		June 2018	Sep 2018	Dec 2018	Mar 2019	June 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Mar 2020	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020(p)	
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS													
02 Meat	100.0	103.0	107.7	105.5	102.5	106.0	113.9	109.2	119.3	110.9	112.2	112.8	0.5
0204 Sheep	16.0	98.2	97.8	100.1	104.2	93.9	93.5	98.3	98.7	99.0	105.3	104.9	-0.3
0207 Poultry	84.0	103.9	109.5	106.5	102.2	108.4	117.8	111.3	123.3	113.2	113.5	114.3	0.7
04 Dairy	100.0	98.9	98.3	92.8	96.7	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.8	97.0	103.7	95.8	-7.7
0401 Liquid Milk	50.2	97.6	97.1	89.7	92.0	92.2	90.1	94.1	91.8	90.8	93.7	94.9	1.2
0402 Powder Milk	17.0	100.4	100.1	99.4	100.9	101.6	99.8	99.8	101.6	100.5	99.8	101.0	1.2
0405 Butter	22.2	102.4	101.3	99.7	102.7	115.3	112.2	112.1	114.3	113.8	135.7	98.3	-27.5
0406 Cheese	10.6	95.2	94.4	82.3	99.2	95.8	95.0	94.7	94.8	85.7	90.7	86.4	-4.7
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS													
07 Vegetables	100.0	98.9	93.3	91.3	107.2	106.3	96.5	93.2	92.2	92.2	86.6	101.8	17.5
0701 Potatoes	49.9	100.6	103.3	84.0	100.6	97.6	90.1	89.5	87.7	92.1	89.0	107.2	20.5
0703 Onions	50.1	97.2	83.4	98.6	113.8	114.9	102.9	96.9	96.6	92.2	84.2	96.3	14.4
10 Cereals	100.0	102.5	101.6	101.9	106.7	105.9	108.9	103.4	102.0	104.9	115.6	94.2	-18.5
1006 Rice	100.0	102.5	101.6	101.9	106.7	105.9	108.9	103.4	102.0	104.9	115.6	94.2	-18.5
11 Milled prods.	100.0	98.5	100.5	98.5	100.6	102.9	101.2	103.4	103.2	101.2	105.4	110.1	4.5
1101 Wheat	100.0	98.5	100.5	98.5	100.6	102.9	101.2	103.4	103.2	101.2	105.4	110.1	4.5
III. FATS & OILS													
15 Fats & oils	100.0	95.6	94.7	93.1	97.3	96.6	97.4	94.4	93.8	93.1	93.2	90.1	-3.3
1512 Sunflower Oil	47.8	95.7	95.0	91.5	99.4	93.9	96.2	90.9	90.9	100.6	103.8	100.8	-2.9
1515 vegetable oils	20.1	101.7	101.6	103.6	102.0	102.0	104.1	102.2	97.3	99.5	97.6	76.5	-21.6
1517 Margarine	32.1	91.6	90.0	88.8	91.3	97.4	95.0	94.8	95.9	77.8	74.5	82.7	11.0
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO													
16 Meat, fish	100.0	100.8	110.3	111.6	105.3	107.2	109.1	109.7	108.6	127.9	147.0	112.8	-23.2
1601 Sausages	18.3	100.6	102.7	103.3	103.0	105.6	108.4	106.3	106.1	110.4	111.0	112.8	1.5
1602 Corned Beef	9.6	88.3	93.5	87.6	105.2	93.6	91.4	92.6	92.6	112.4	109.7	89.3	-18.7
1604 Canned fish	72.1	102.5	114.3	116.9	105.8	109.3	111.5	112.8	111.3	134.3	161.0	115.9	-28.0
17 Sugars	100.0	83.5	76.7	74.8	72.7	73.7	67.8	68.2	66.9	73.8	75.3	69.2	-8.1
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	83.5	76.7	74.8	72.7	73.7	67.8	68.2	66.9	73.8	75.3	69.2	-8.1
19 Cereals	100.0	99.3	99.3	133.3	100.1	110.7	107.4	111.6	113.3	112.4	114.9	115.3	0.3
1902 Pasta	46.9	99.8	99.9	172.4	99.2	118.1	111.3	120.1	112.4	110.6	121.8	123.4	1.4
1905 Bread	53.1	98.9	98.8	98.7	100.8	104.2	103.8	104.0	114.1	113.9	108.9	108.2	-0.7
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS													
27 Mineral fuels	100.0	99.8	108.6	112.7	92.1	104.1	98.9	107.2	113.0	80.9	80.2	75.2	-6.3
2710 Petroleum oils	93.8	99.7	109.0	113.5	91.5	104.2	98.6	103.8	109.7	76.8	75.8	73.1	-3.5
2711 Petroleum gases	6.2	101.7	101.6	101.3	102.5	103.5	103.1	158.4	162.3	142.6	147.6	106.5	-27.8

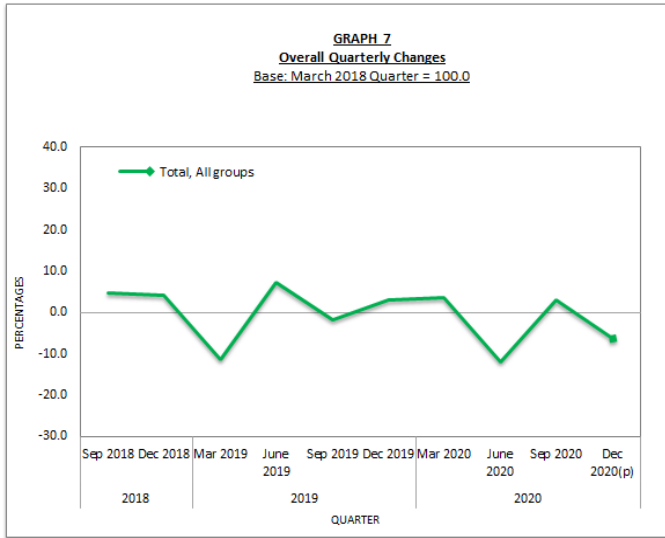
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Overall Changes



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