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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

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

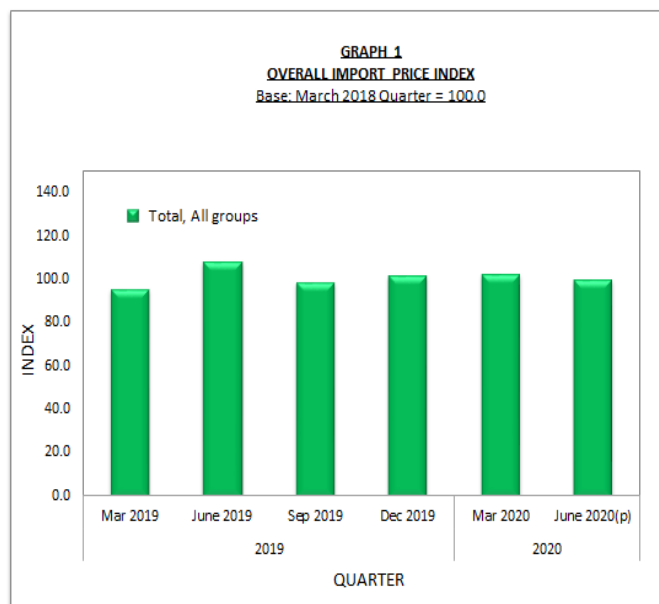
#### Highlights of the quarter

(June 2020 quarter compared with March 2020 quarter)

- Import Price Index fell 2.1 percent from March 2020 quarter.
- Animal Products recorded the largest decrease (down 10.4 percent).
- Food and Beverages had the largest increase (up 8.9 percent).

#### Overview

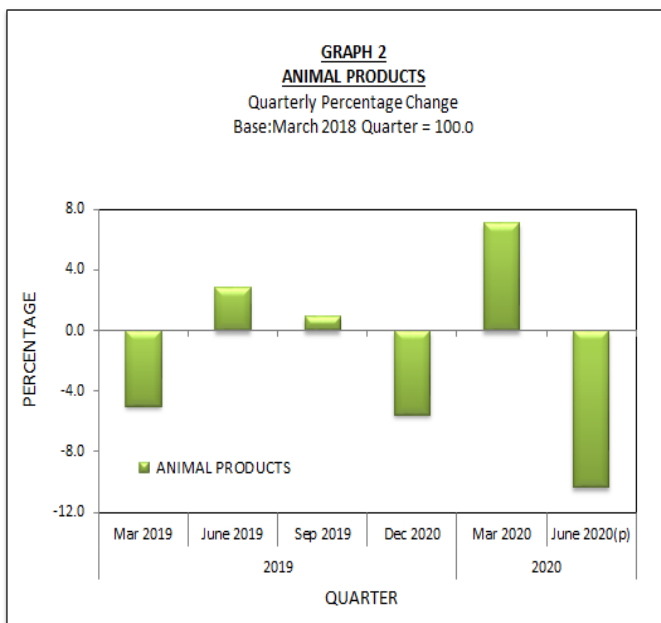
The Import Price Index for the June 2020 quarter showed an overall decrease of 2.1 percent from the March 2020 quarter. The decrease was mainly driven by reductions of 10.4 percent and 4.8 percent in both Animal and Mineral products respectively. The fats and oil index increased 0.1 percent and vegetable products (up 2 percent), while the Food and Beverage Index recorded the largest increase (up 8.9 percent). In comparison with the June 2019 quarter, the current quarter price index decreased 7.6 percent. (See table 1 & 2 and graph 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

#### **HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Product prices fell 10.4%.**

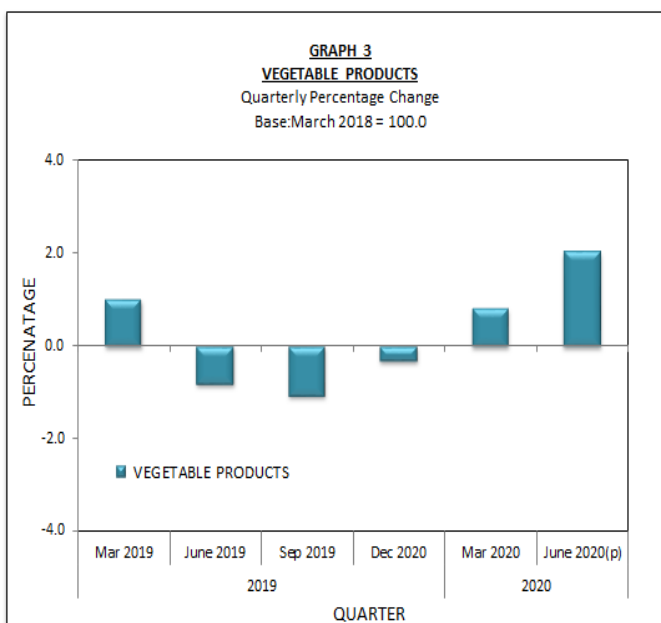
The import price index for Live Animal Products in the June 2020 quarter fell 10.4 percent, following a 7.1 percent rise in the March 2020 quarter. The current decrease reflected lower prices of imported meat products (down 14.1 percent), influenced by lower prices of poultry meat (down 16.5 percent) and sheep meat (down 0.3 percent). The imported prices of dairy products also declined, (down 1.2 percent), reflecting lower prices of cheese (down 9.4 percent), powder milk (down 2.9 percent) and butter (down 2.7 percent). When compared to June 2019 quarter, the current live animals and animal products index was 8.5 percent lower. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 2).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices rise 2%.**

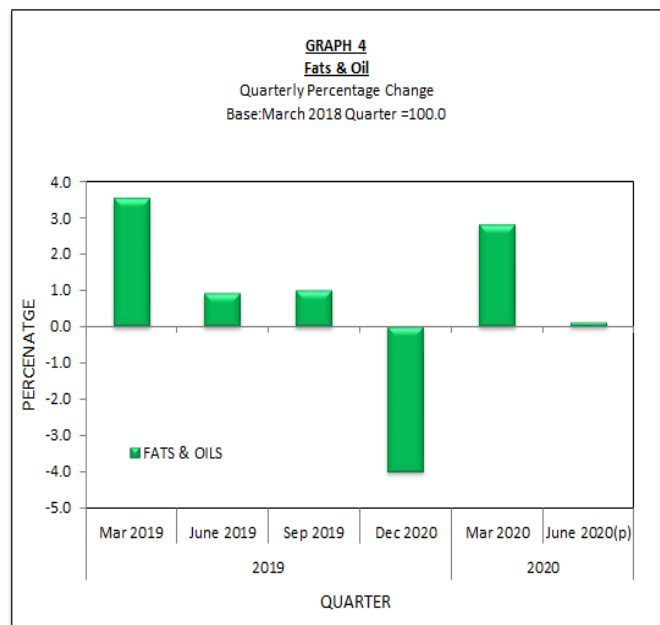
Import Prices for Vegetable Products in the June 2020 quarter increased 2 percent from the previous quarter. The current increases were mainly influenced by higher import prices of vegetables (up 4.8 percent) and rice (up 4.2 percent). Milled products recorded a 2.3 percent decline when compared to March 2020 quarter. In comparison with the corresponding quarter in 2019, the current vegetable products index decreased 1.4 percent. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices rise 0.1%.**

Animals or Vegetable fats and oils import prices rose 0.1 percent in the June 2020 quarter, following a 2.8 percent rise in the March 2020 quarter. The current increase was influenced by higher prices of sunflower oil (up 11 percent) and vegetable oil (up 6.8 percent). The prices of margarine decreased when compared to the March 2020 quarter (down 19.9 percent). When compared with the June 2019 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oil index fell 0.2 percent. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4).

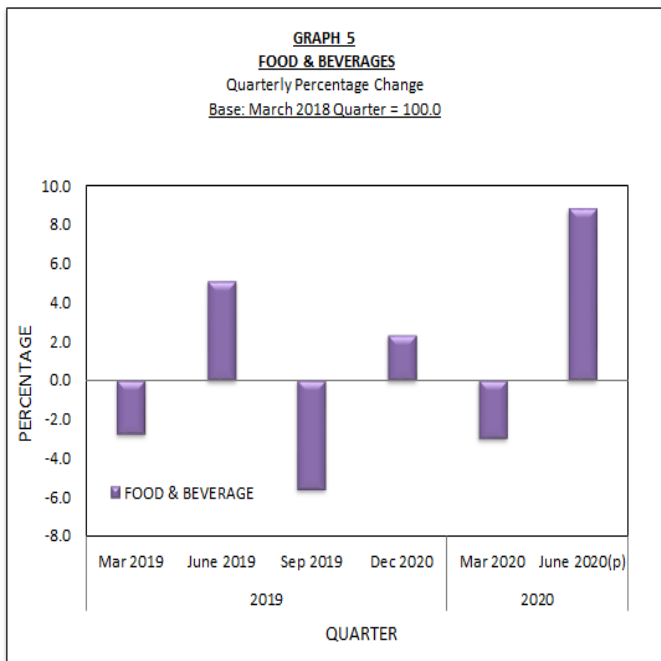


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**HS Section 4: Food and Beverage prices rise 8.9%.**

In June 2020 quarter, the Food and Beverage import prices rose 8.9 percent compared to the previous quarter. The current increase was influenced by higher prices of canned meats (up 17.7 percent), sugar (up 4.3 percent) and cereal (up 3.8 percent).

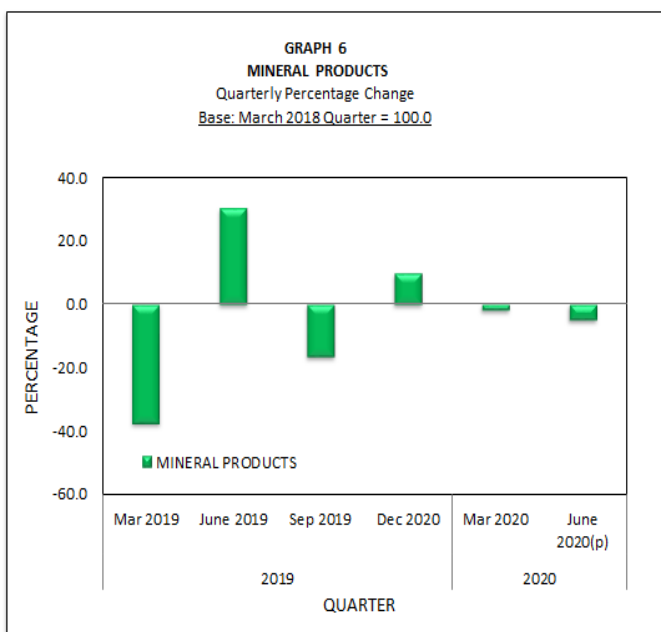
In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current food and beverage index rose 2 percent. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**HS Section 5: Mineral Products price fell 4.8%.**

Import Price for Mineral Products fell 4.8 percent in the June 2020 quarter, following a 1.8 percent fall in the March 2020 quarter. The current decline was influenced by lower prices of petroleum gases (down 24.4 percent) and petroleum oils (down 3.4 percent). When compared to the June 2019 quarter the current mineral products index reduced 14.5 percent. (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.

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The MPI report for September 2020 is expected to be available on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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# IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight 2018	2018	2019				2020		% Change	
			Dec 2018	Mar 2019	June 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Mar 2020	June 2020(p)	Jun 20 / Mar 20	Jun 20 /Jun 19
<b>I</b>	<b>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-8.5</b>
2	Meat	69.1	110.2	102.2	104.5	107.4	97.0	109.0	93.6	-14.1	-10.4
4	Dairy	30.9	109.4	98.2	102.5	99.3	103.6	99.4	98.2	-1.2	-4.2
<b>II.</b>	<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>
7	Vegetables	23.1	105.4	101.9	98.4	91.3	97.0	98.4	103.1	4.8	4.7
10	Cereals	41.4	100.2	102.0	98.7	103.2	95.9	98.8	103.0	4.2	4.3
11	Milled products	35.5	91.0	98.4	102.1	98.4	102.3	100.2	97.9	-2.3	-4.1
<b>III.</b>	<b>FATS &amp; OILS</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
15	Fats & oils	100.0	90.6	99.0	99.9	100.9	96.9	99.6	99.7	0.1	-0.2
<b>IV.</b>	<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
16	Canned Meats	35.5	90.5	98.9	101.8	101.9	100.8	99.1	116.6	17.7	14.5
17	Sugars	20.7	147.9	107.3	103.4	98.0	97.4	99.4	103.7	4.3	0.3
19	Cereals	43.8	86.7	97.9	109.0	98.1	104.4	98.0	101.7	3.8	-6.7
<b>V.</b>	<b>MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-14.5</b>
27	Mineral fuels	100.0	140.6	87.8	114.3	95.1	104.6	102.7	97.7	-4.8	-14.5
	<b>Total, All groups</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-7.6</b>

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

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**IMPORT PRICE INDEX**  
**Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0**

Table 2

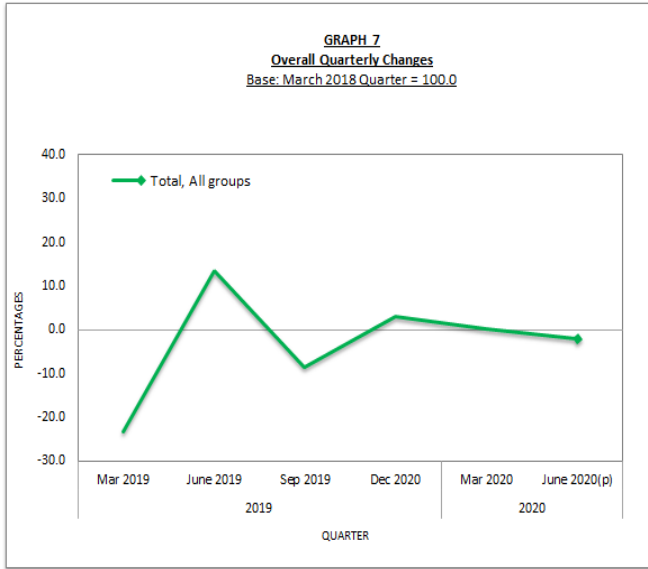
	Weight 2018	2019			2020		%Change
		June 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Mar 2020	Jun 2020	Jun 20 / Mar 20
<b>I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>							
<b>02 Meat</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>-14.1</b>
0204 Sheep	16.0	90.4	99.9	105.6	100.6	100.3	-0.3
0207 Poultry	84.0	107.2	108.8	95.3	110.6	92.4	-16.5
<b>04 Dairy</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
0401 Liquid Milk	50.2	100.1	97.7	105.0	97.3	99.0	1.8
0402 Powder Milk	17.0	100.8	98.3	100.0	101.8	98.9	-2.9
0405 Butter	22.2	111.9	103.7	105.0	101.8	99.1	-2.7
0406 Cheese	10.6	96.5	99.0	99.7	100.3	90.8	-9.4
<b>II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>							
<b>07 Vegetables</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>
0701 Potatoes	49.9	96.3	91.6	99.2	96.9	108.0	11.4
0703 Onions	50.1	100.6	90.9	94.9	99.8	98.2	-1.6
<b>10 Cereals</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>
1006 Rice	100.0	98.7	103.2	95.9	98.8	103.0	4.2
<b>11 Milled prods.</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
1101 Wheat	100.0	102.1	98.4	102.3	100.2	97.9	-2.3
<b>III. FATS &amp; OILS</b>							
<b>15 Fats &amp; oils</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>
1512 Sunflower Oil	47.8	94.4	102.7	94.4	100.3	111.3	11.0
1515 vegetable oils	20.1	99.9	102.0	98.0	95.8	102.3	6.8
1517 Margarine	32.1	108.2	97.5	99.8	101.1	80.9	-19.9
<b>IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES &amp; TOBACCO</b>							
<b>16 Meat, fish</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>17.7</b>
1601 Sausages	18.3	102.4	102.7	98.1	99.8	104.0	4.2
1602 Corned Beef	9.6	89.6	97.6	101.2	100.4	124.0	23.5
1604 Canned fish	72.1	103.2	102.2	101.4	98.6	118.7	20.4
<b>17 Sugars</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	103.4	98.0	97.4	99.4	103.7	4.3
<b>19 Cereals</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>
1902 Pasta	46.9	118.7	102.2	100.9	97.2	101.0	3.9
1905 Bread	53.1	100.4	94.4	107.6	98.6	102.3	3.7
<b>V. MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>							
<b>27 Mineral fuels</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>-4.8</b>
2710 Petroleum oils	93.8	115.1	94.6	105.0	101.9	98.5	-3.4
2711 Petroleum gases	6.2	101.4	101.9	98.9	114.1	86.3	-24.4

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

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New commodities

Overall Changes



Sub Group Index

