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

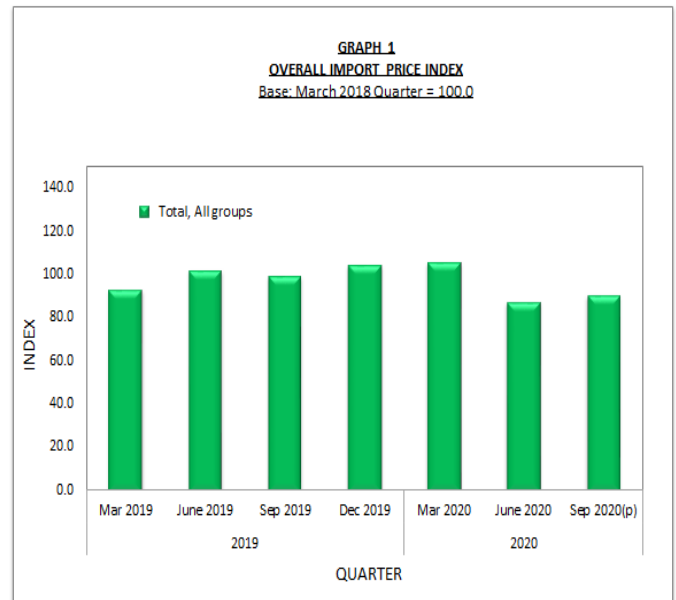
Highlights of the quarter

(September 2020 quarter compared with June 2020 quarter)

- Import Price Index increased 3.2 percent from June 2020 quarter.
- Food and Beverages recorded the largest increase (up 5 percent).

Overview

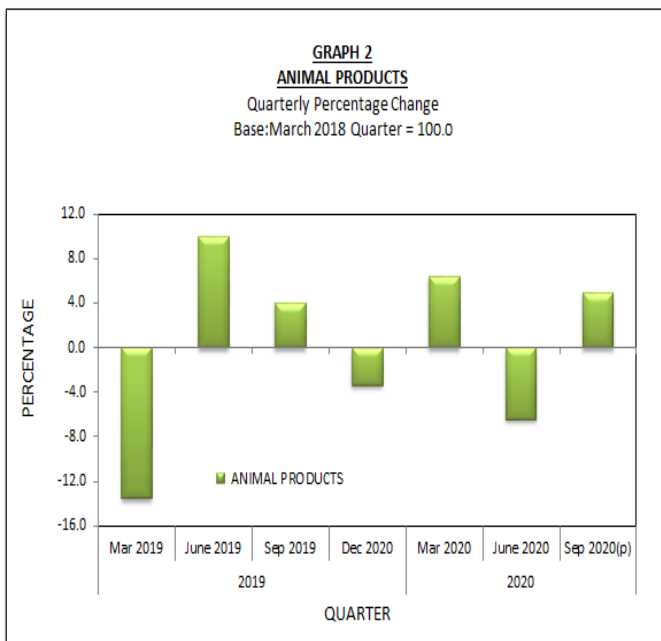
The Import Price Index for September 2020 quarter showed an overall increase of 3.2 percent from the previous quarter. The increase was mainly driven by 5 percent increase in Food and Beverage, 4.9 percent in Animal products and 3.5 percent in Vegetable products. The current import price index decreased 9.2 percent compared to September quarter 2019. (See table 1 & 2 and graph 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Product prices rise 4.9%.

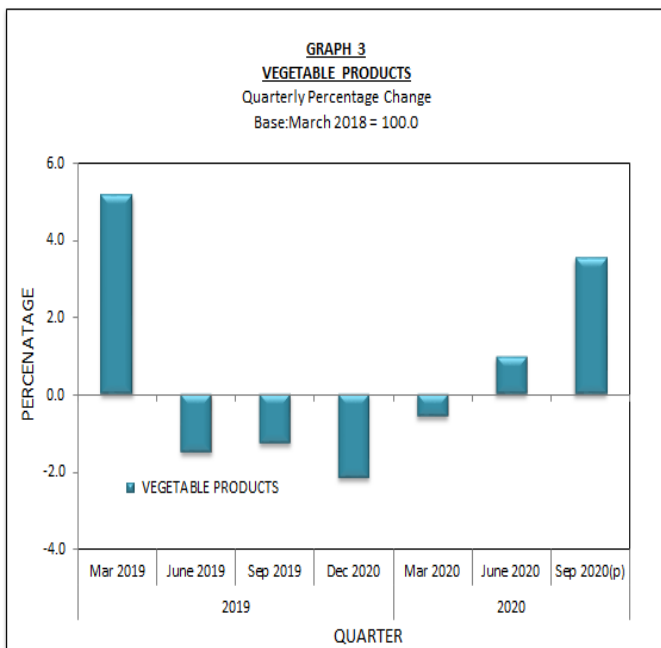
Import price index for Live Animal Products in the September 2020 quarter rose 4.9 percent, following a 6.5 percent fall in the June 2020 quarter. The current increase was led by dairy products (up 6.2 percent), reflecting higher prices of butter (up 15.9 percent), cheese (up 6.1 percent) and liquid milk (up 3.8 percent). The prices of meat products also increased by 4.4 percent, reflecting higher prices of sheep meats (up 6.4 percent) and poultry meats (up 4 percent). When compared to September 2019 quarter, the current live animals and animal product index edged up 0.8 percent. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 2).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices rise 3.5%.

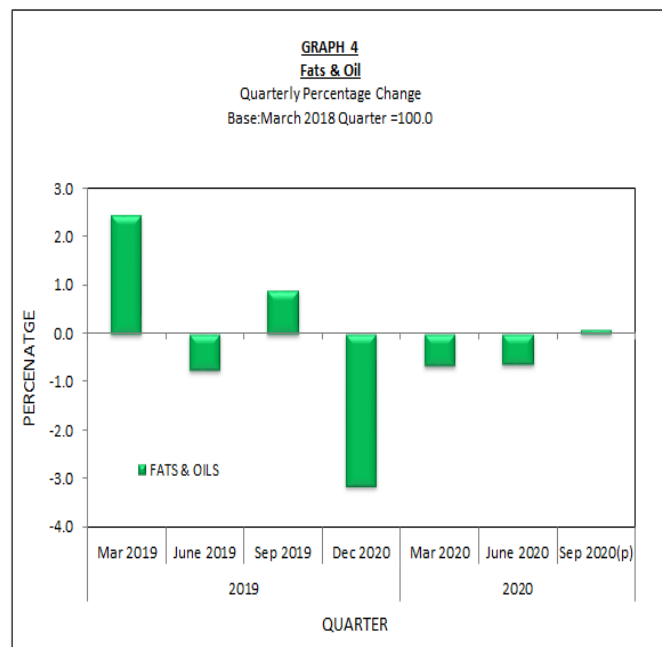
Import prices for Vegetable Products in the September 2020 quarter increased 3.5 percent over the previous quarter. The current increase was mainly due to higher import prices of rice (up 8.6 percent) and wheat products (up 3.7 percent). When compared to the same quarter last year, the current vegetable products index increased 1.7 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 September 2020 quarter, following a 0.6 percent fall in the June 2020 quarter. The current increase reflected higher prices of sunflower oil (up 3.2 percent) despite lower prices of margarine (down 4.7 percent) and vegetable oil (down 1.9 percent). In comparison with the September 2019 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oil index fell 4.4 percent. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4).

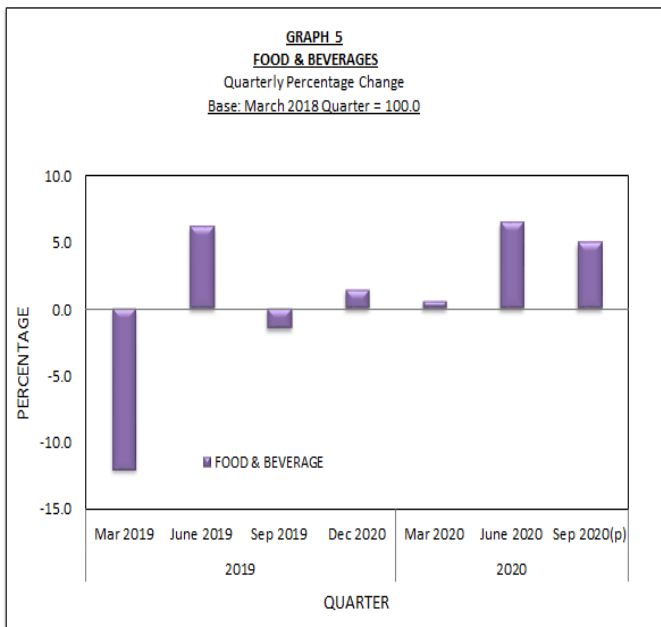


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 4: Food and Beverage prices rise 5%.

In September 2020 quarter, the Food and Beverage import prices rose 5 percent compared to the previous quarter. The current hike was influenced by higher prices of canned meats (up 9.7 percent), sugar (up 3.9 percent) and cereal (up 2.3 percent).

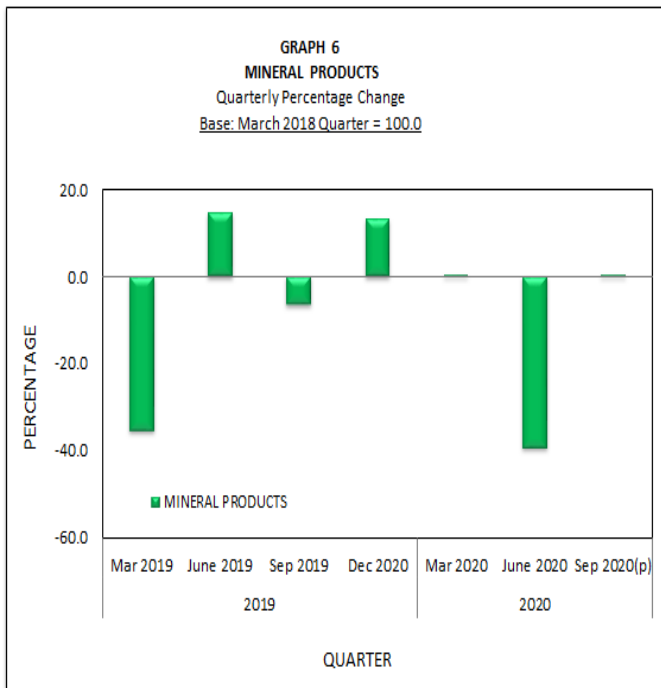
In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current food and beverage index was 14 percent higher. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 5: Mineral Products price rose 0.4%.

Import price for Mineral Products rose 0.4 percent in the September 2020 quarter, following a 39.3 percent fall in the June 2020 quarter. The current increase was influenced by higher prices of petroleum gases (up 3.4 percent). When compared to the September 2019 quarter, the current mineral products index declined 30.6 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.

The MPI report for December 2020 is expected to be available on 12th February 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	Sep 2020(p)	Sep 20 / Jun 20	Sep 20 /Sep 19
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	100.0	106.3	91.9	101.1	105.1	101.5	108.0	100.9	105.9	4.9	0.8
2	Meat	69.1	110.2	89.6	102.0	108.1	101.2	110.9	101.6	106.0	4.4	-1.9
4	Dairy	30.9	109.4	97.2	99.0	98.4	102.3	101.4	99.5	105.7	6.2	7.5
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	100.0	99.7	104.9	103.3	102.0	99.8	99.3	100.3	103.8	3.5	1.7
7	Vegetables	23.1	105.4	109.3	108.7	97.8	94.4	92.8	93.8	87.3	-6.9	-10.7
10	Cereals	41.4	100.2	108.0	103.3	107.6	102.2	101.6	105.2	114.2	8.6	6.2
11	Milled products	35.5	91.0	98.3	99.9	98.3	100.6	100.8	98.6	102.3	3.7	4.1
III.	FATS & OILS	100.0	95.6	97.9	97.2	98.0	94.9	94.3	93.7	93.8	0.1	-4.4
15	Fats & oils	100.0	95.6	97.9	97.2	98.0	94.9	94.3	93.7	93.8	0.1	-4.4
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	100.0	103.0	90.7	96.3	94.9	96.3	96.8	103.1	108.2	5.0	14.0
16	Canned Meats	35.5	90.5	74.7	75.2	77.1	77.2	76.9	93.6	102.7	9.7	33.2
17	Sugars	20.7	147.9	98.4	102.2	99.4	96.6	96.1	99.5	103.5	3.9	4.1
19	Cereals	43.8	86.7	100.1	110.7	107.4	111.6	113.3	112.4	114.9	2.3	7.1
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	100.0	140.6	90.8	104.3	97.8	110.9	111.4	67.6	67.9	0.4	-30.6
27	Mineral fuels	100.0	140.6	90.8	104.3	97.8	110.9	111.4	67.6	67.9	0.4	-30.6
	Total, All groups	500.0	123.9	92.6	101.5	99.1	103.9	105.6	87.2	90.0	3.2	-9.2

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

(P) Provisional figures

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Table 2

	Weight 2018	2019			2020			%Change Sep 20 / Jun 20
		June 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Mar 2020	Jun 2020	Sep 2020(p)	
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS								
02 Meat	100.0	102.0	108.1	101.2	110.9	101.6	106.0	4.4
0204 Sheep	16.0	93.9	93.5	98.3	98.7	99.0	105.3	6.4
0207 Poultry	84.0	103.5	110.9	101.7	113.2	102.1	106.2	4.0
04 Dairy	100.0	99.0	98.4	102.3	101.4	99.5	105.7	6.2
0401 Liquid Milk	50.2	98.8	96.5	101.8	98.5	97.6	101.2	3.8
0402 Powder Milk	17.0	98.0	96.4	96.4	98.1	97.1	96.3	-0.8
0405 Butter	22.2	100.0	103.7	109.9	111.8	110.5	128.1	15.9
0406 Cheese	10.6	100.0	99.0	98.7	98.9	89.9	95.3	6.1
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS								
07 Vegetables	100.0	108.7	97.8	94.4	92.8	93.8	87.3	-6.9
0701 Potatoes	49.9	97.6	90.1	89.5	87.7	92.1	89.0	-3.4
0703 Onions	50.1	119.7	105.4	99.3	97.8	95.5	85.6	-10.4
10 Cereals	100.0	103.3	107.6	102.2	101.6	105.2	114.2	8.6
1006 Rice	100.0	103.3	107.6	102.2	101.6	105.2	114.2	8.6
11 Milled prods.	100.0	99.9	98.3	100.6	100.8	98.6	102.3	3.7
1101 Wheat	100.0	99.9	98.3	100.6	100.8	98.6	102.3	3.7
III. FATS & OILS								
15 Fats & oils	100.0	97.2	98.0	94.9	94.3	93.7	93.8	0.1
1512 Sunflower Oil	47.8	96.2	98.7	93.1	93.2	103.4	106.7	3.2
1515 vegetable oils	20.1	102.0	104.1	102.2	97.3	99.5	97.6	-1.9
1517 Margarine	32.1	95.6	93.2	93.1	94.1	75.6	72.1	-4.7
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO								
16 Meat, fish	100.0	75.2	77.1	77.2	76.9	93.6	102.7	9.7
1601 Sausages	18.3	100.0	102.7	100.8	100.6	104.6	104.9	0.4
1602 Corned Beef	9.6	100.0	97.6	98.7	98.9	122.5	119.4	-2.5
1604 Canned fish	72.1	65.6	67.8	68.3	68.0	86.9	99.8	14.8
17 Sugars	100.0	102.2	99.4	96.6	96.1	99.5	103.5	3.9
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	102.2	99.4	96.6	96.1	99.5	103.5	3.9
19 Cereals	100.0	110.7	107.4	111.6	113.3	112.4	114.9	2.3
1902 Pasta	46.9	118.1	111.3	120.1	112.4	110.6	121.8	10.0
1905 Bread	53.1	104.2	103.8	104.0	114.1	113.9	108.9	-4.4
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS								
27 Mineral fuels	100.0	104.3	97.8	110.9	111.4	67.6	67.9	0.4
2710 Petroleum oils	93.8	104.6	97.8	104.4	105.4	62.8	62.8	0.0
2711 Petroleum gases	6.2	100.0	97.2	209.7	202.1	140.0	144.8	3.4

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New commodities

Overall Changes

