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Overseas Merchandise Trade March 2020

Highlights of the month

March 2020 compared with February 2020

Merchandise Exports¹

- ✚ The total value of merchandise exports decreased 0.3 percent to \$7.3 million in March 2020.
- ✚ 'Mineral fuels', Lubricants & Related materials' had the largest fall of all commodity groups, down \$1.4 million (17.8 percent of total merchandise exports value) to \$1.3 million decreased sales due to COVID 19 restrictions of closed international borders.
- ✚ 'Food and Live animals' had the largest share of all commodity groups exported in March 2020, accounting for 47.4 percent of total merchandise exports value.
- ✚ Oceania had the largest share of total merchandise exports value with 72.5 percent, increasing 11.4 percent (\$0.5 million) from the previous month.
- ✚ Exports to Tokelau (up \$0.3 million) and New Zealand (up \$0.2 million) recorded largest increases in March 2020.

Merchandise Imports

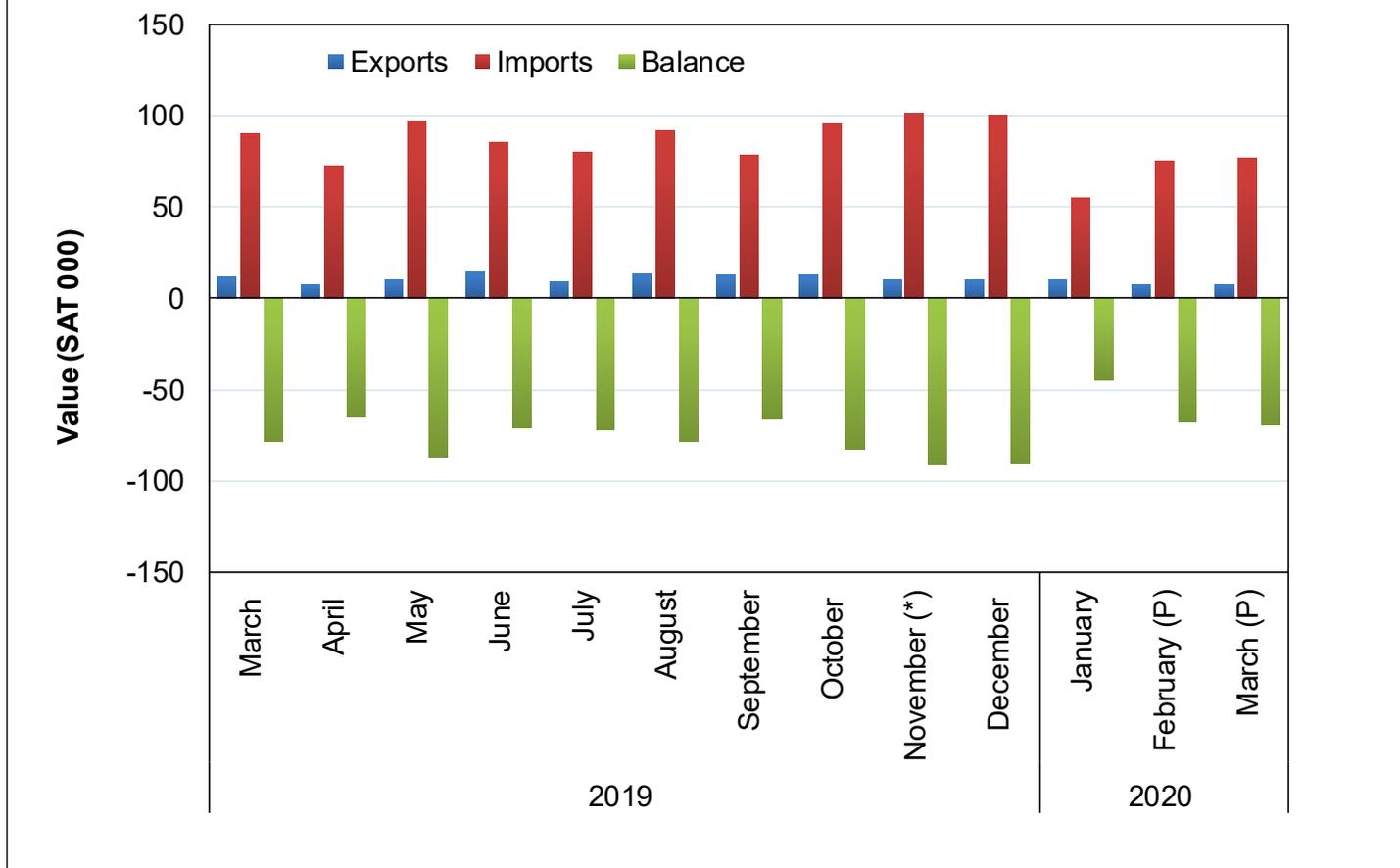
- ✚ The total value of merchandise imports increased 2.4 percent to \$76.7 million in March 2020.
- ✚ Mainly responsible for the increase in March 2020 were higher values of 'Food & Live Animal' (up \$3.7 million), 'Machinery & Transport Equipment' (up \$1.6 million), and chemicals and Related Products (up \$0.6 million) imports.
- ✚ 'Food & Live Animal' imports were the top commodity groups imported during March 2020, representing 29.0 percent of total merchandise import value.
- ✚ Imports from United States recorded the largest increase (up \$3.5 million) reflecting the main increase in imports of meat and edible meat offal products while imports from New Zealand recorded the second largest increase (up \$3.0 million) from February 2020.

Trade Balance

- ✚ The total value of imports (\$76.7 million) exceeded that of exports (\$7.3 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$69.5 million in the month of March 2020.

¹ Includes re-export commodities

Merchandise Trade Value Monthly



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 Revenue (Custom Department)

The April 2020 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 15th 2020.

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Table 1: Overseas Merchandise Trade

Values (000 tala) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Period		Exports	Imports	Balance
Annual				
	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
Quarter				
2017	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
2018	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
2019	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
2020	March (P)	24,478	206,424	-181,945
Month				
2017	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
2018	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
2019	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 (*)	9,740	101,432	-91,692
	December	9,870	100,218	-90,348
2020	January	9,900	54,741	-44,841
	February (P)	7,300	74,938	-67,637
	March (P)	7,278	76,745	-69,467

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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Table 2: Exports by main Commodities

Values (000 tala) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter					Month					% Change		
		2017	2018	2019(P)	2019				2020	2019			2020			Mar20 /Feb20	Mar20 /Mar19
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)	Mar	Nov (*)	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Mar (P)		
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,259	33,836	46,415	9,678	8,580	15,466	12,690	6,454	3,123	2,538	3,506	3,732	1,340	1,382	3.2	-55.7
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	32,165	7,108	7,572	9,525	7,959	6,986	2,883	2,920	2,572	2,953	2,736	1,297	-52.6	-55.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	12,237	5,449	5,134	833	821	1,260	2,290	338	190	352	376	532	41.4	-76.8
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	7,915	1,718	2,080	2,270	1,847	1,453	499	637	435	512	341	600	75.9	20.3
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	5,238	919	1,500	1,425	1,394	1,148	596	466	357	546	320	283	-11.6	-52.6
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	583	177	127	94	186	76	33	34	135	4	60	12	-79.9	-63.5
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	1,005	337	533	112	23	751	262	4	16	13	527	212	-59.8	-19.4
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	4,879	1,040	1,937	973	929	1,237	342	226	437	422	471	344	-27.0	0.5
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	4,740	1,180	1,346	468	1,746	786	383	1,044	90	278	4	504	12254.4	31.8
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	2,024	601	513	306	603	578	249	183	278	207	129	241	85.9	-3.5
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	166	16	79	18	54	161	0	49	0.0	9	0.0	152	0.0	0.0
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	741	346	110	94	191	286	25	11	170	13	89	184	108.2	651.9
18	Cocoa	638	908	587	24	152	224	187	172	10	1	184	147	3	22	655.3	109.4
24	Tobacco	462	699	1,337	238	110	293	696	786	44	214	272	268	264	254	-3.7	473.8
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	808	382	47	39	340	261	204	267	5	15	12	235	1878.8	14.9
12	Oil seeds	177	477	950	42	87	327	494	110	41	173	121	27	5	78	1346.5	88.3
4	Dairy	160	477	308	37	70	75	126	110	13	61	40	46	11	53	373.0	293.7
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	68	2	14	15	36	117	1	14	5	2	2	114	6517.6	9894.6
64	Footwear	333	464	216	110	0	105	1	94	107	0	1	0.0	0.0	94	0.0	-13.0
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	376	99	59	67	152	118	30	44	75	2	4	113	3058.7	274.7
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	845	273	148	171	253	196	164	48	59	91	59	46	-22.5	-71.9
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	371	24	181	36	130	198	24	80	16	10	132	56	-57.7	135.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	481	30	257	145	49	296	14	17	19	22	207	67	-67.7	378.7
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	623	92	86	257	188	167	50	45	137	119	2	45	1732.7	-10.5
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	454	23	124	194	112	3	6	1	101	3	0	-	-100.0	-100.0
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	730	5	414	217	93	41	2	17	27	15	9	17	91.5	723.7
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	554	54	154	118	228	116	35	111	57	41	4	71	1488.5	103.8
25	Mineral substances	306	291	325	29	139	85	72	44	0	46	4	0.0	38	7	-82.0	0.0
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	1,020	15	20	491	493	54	7	1	488	15	0.0	39	0.0	496.5
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	84	26	29	26	3	24	26	0	0.4	4	0.0	20	0.0	-21.6
17	Sugar	56	152	61	10	20	17	13	9	5	5	7	1	4	3	-32.0	-39.3
10	Cereals	67	143	105	9	23	23	51	49	5	16	19	2	21	26	24.4	472.1
...	Others	3,462	2,937	1,688	592	319	329	448	338	114	130	139	31	129	178	38.0	55.5
01-98	Total	112,215	119,204	130,098	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,608	24,478	11,587	9,740	9,870	9,900	7,300	7,278	-0.3	-37.2

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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Table 3: Exports (value) by major items, SITC⁽³⁾

Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter					Month					% change		
				2019				2020	2019			2020		Mar 20	Mar 20	
	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	Mar (P)	Mar	Nov(*)	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Mar (P)	/Feb 20	/Mar 19
Food & Live Animal	54,898	63,598	73,254	18,610	17,285	19,941	17,418	11,092	6,342	4,113	5,129	5,073	2,570	3,449	34.2	-45.6
Beverages & Tobacco	5,683	8,012	6,563	1,156	1,610	1,707	2,089	1,934	640	680	629	813	584	537	-8.0	-16.1
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	2,081	1,017	881	228	298	116	239	228	111	67	101	77	103	48	-53.1	-56.5
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	32,613	30,656	32,159	7,104	7,572	9,524	7,959	6,984	2,883	2,920	2,572	2,953	2,734	1,297	-52.6	-55.0
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	1,398	1,580	2,110	3	398	198	1,511	708	1	1,005	506	278	4	426	10344.1	59916.8
Chemicals & Related Products	1,447	1,649	4,021	1,257	1,072	840	852	226	449	57	81	65	21	140	582.6	-68.8
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,548	2,904	2,625	211	792	572	1,050	565	120	189	584	34	270	261	-3.6	117.4
Machinery & Transport Equipment	9,475	4,212	6,066	1,520	2,081	1,271	1,194	1,671	602	538	268	556	485	630	29.8	4.7
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	2,072	5,577	2,369	593	858	671	246	1,071	441	142	0	51	530	490	-7.6	11.1
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	112,215	119,204	130,098	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,608	24,478	11,587	9,740	9,870	9,900	7,300	7,278	-0.3	-37.2

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3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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Table 4: Exports by Region, by main Countries of Destination

Values (in '000 Tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter						Month						% Change	
					2018	2019				2020	2019			2020			Mar 20	Mar 20 /
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	Mar (P)	Mar	Nov (*)	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Mar (P)	/ Feb 20	Mar 19
Region																		
Africa	18	32	1	10	1	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
America	9,597	7,597	11,549	16,829	2,914	7,050	4,139	2,669	2,972	2,175	3,559	1,262	627	1,098	275	802	191.6	-77.5
Asia	17,707	13,781	19,118	22,115	6,351	3,989	4,913	6,857	6,356	3,912	1,200	1,793	1,955	1,498	1,329	1,085	-18.3	-9.6
Europe	978	635	977	1,055	217	332	218	234	272	1,270	104	102	127	195	960	115	-88.0	10.6
Oceania	115,455	90,170	87,474	90,087	27,793	19,312	22,694	25,081	23,000	17,121	6,724	6,582	7,159	7,109	4,736	5,276	11.4	-21.5
Other	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Top Countries																		
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	20,762	6,773	4,623	5,684	5,582	4,873	4,149	1,316	1,845	1,562	1,602	1,181	1,366	15.6	3.8
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	10,663	4,631	2,592	3,511	2,338	2,223	2,182	1,135	590	891	878	721	583	-19.1	-48.6
American Samoa	37,060	29,876	31,779	40,423	8,188	8,494	7,757	13,100	11,072	6,408	3,276	2,376	3,103	3,509	1,525	1,374	-9.9	-58.1
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	3,323	1,056	832	699	879	913	585	171	240	285	264	114	207	81.9	21.1
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	11,301	6,989	2,543	2,918	2,594	3,245	2,688	730	1,347	981	502	932	1,254	34.5	71.8
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	1,767	742	293	428	440	606	656	65	165	131	179	340	137	-59.8	112.0
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	8,152	2,761	945	1,665	2,836	2,706	1,680	200	828	879	525	790	364	-53.9	82.5
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	5,640	597	969	545	2,098	2,028	816	437	192	624	376	191	249	30.5	-43.0
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	2,064	481	398	591	625	450	42	118	308	56	16	5	21	315.3	-82.0
USA	9,592	6,253	11,214	15,127	2,794	6,001	3,687	2,563	2,876	2,076	2,899	1,262	599	1,064	245	767	213.2	-73.5
Other countries	4,005	3,979	5,860	10,875	2,264	2,994	4,478	1,785	1,617	3,195	1,243	587	759	985	1,255	955	-23.9	-23.2
Total	143,755	112,215	119,204	130,097	37,276	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,608	24,478	11,587	9,740	9,870	9,900	7,300	7,278	-0.3	-37.2

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Table 5: Imports by main Commodities
Values (000 tala) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter					Month						% Change	
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	2019				2020	2019			2020			Mar 20 / Feb 20	Mar 20 / Mar 19
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)		Mar (P)	Mar	Nov (*)	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	144,208	178,467	182,429	48,549	35,552	45,460	52,868	40,676	17,217	20,645	16,111	1,447	21,418	17,812	-16.8	3.5
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	94,809	17,185	30,484	20,790	26,350	13,809	6,534	7,844	9,187	5,372	4,490	3,946	-12.1	-39.6
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	69,433	10,990	17,500	20,117	20,825	15,733	4,568	5,680	8,461	2,336	5,774	7,622	32.0	66.9
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	69,003	19,375	15,846	11,958	21,824	15,463	10,095	7,783	8,000	6,236	4,253	4,973	16.9	-50.7
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	65,448	9,417	14,648	22,637	18,746	12,244	3,563	7,774	5,259	2,955	3,908	5,380	37.7	51.0
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	34,940	6,266	8,673	8,132	11,869	3,652	2,969	5,298	2,968	1,029	1,495	1,128	-24.6	-62.0
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	29,417	7,080	7,065	6,820	8,453	6,305	2,941	2,875	2,860	1,799	2,021	2,486	23.0	-15.5
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	31,626	6,802	8,535	7,533	8,756	6,912	2,118	2,465	3,248	2,502	2,079	2,331	12.1	10.0
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	29,660	6,439	7,858	6,986	8,377	4,829	2,698	3,089	3,063	1,747	1,411	1,671	18.4	-38.1
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	19,612	4,481	3,852	4,674	6,605	5,551	1,904	2,513	2,130	1,727	1,741	2,082	19.6	9.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	18,038	3,609	4,287	5,016	5,127	3,987	994	1,518	1,858	1,249	1,129	1,609	42.5	61.8
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	17,234	4,080	4,449	4,144	4,561	3,727	1,245	1,436	1,876	1,219	1,342	1,166	-13.1	-6.4
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	11,484	2,895	1,995	3,346	3,248	3,502	1,313	893	894	982	1,275	1,246	-2.3	-5.1
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	18,956	4,815	4,311	3,543	6,287	2,755	1,671	1,687	2,421	1,154	673	928	37.9	-44.5
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	12,662	2,558	2,972	3,377	3,756	3,407	980	1,313	1,355	1,312	844	1,251	48.3	27.6
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	54,211	15,404	11,851	12,163	14,794	10,739	6,767	4,503	5,354	4,775	3,332	2,633	-21.0	-61.1
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	15,459	3,205	3,777	4,136	4,341	2,779	1,052	1,606	1,581	1,175	955	649	-32.1	-38.3
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	13,049	2,390	3,357	3,341	3,960	2,046	974	1,453	959	896	369	780	111.1	-19.9
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	12,875	2,280	3,421	4,126	3,048	2,213	743	1,024	570	1,101	627	485	-22.6	-34.7
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	17,788	3,737	5,631	3,491	4,929	2,484	1,573	1,016	1,613	939	1,160	385	-66.8	-75.6
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	9,952	2,122	2,631	2,538	2,660	2,032	729	795	775	1,144	514	373	-27.5	-48.9
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	10,569	3,582	2,465	2,087	2,435	2,333	1,568	973	778	661	982	690	-29.7	-56.0
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	7,967	1,721	2,198	1,852	2,197	1,503	829	688	758	495	559	449	-19.7	-45.9
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipment	9,492	9,316	9,520	2,742	2,066	1,303	3,410	2,803	780	1,583	738	1,471	737	594	-19.4	-23.9
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	9,474	2,264	2,510	2,163	2,537	2,124	656	753	1,036	617	766	741	-3.2	13.0
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	9,391	1,752	2,268	2,850	2,521	1,557	584	1,199	672	545	594	419	-29.4	-28.3
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	7,400	1,133	2,079	2,208	1,980	1,156	452	501	839	457	305	394	29.1	-12.8
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	12,034	1,953	2,805	3,618	3,658	1,060	561	1,234	1,444	174	579	307	-47.0	-45.2
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	8,136	1,661	2,050	2,435	1,990	1,621	571	523	675	604	377	639	69.5	11.9
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	9,913	2,508	2,437	2,366	2,602	1,518	1,377	730	1,171	313	469	736	57.0	-46.5
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	10,060	2,511	3,117	1,378	3,054	1,963	1,324	701	1,275	813	777	373	-51.9	-71.8
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	7,978	1,490	1,721	2,500	2,267	1,818	626	739	789	441	612	765	24.9	22.2
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	6,916	1,624	1,689	1,540	2,063	2,147	712	466	662	804	578	765	32.2	7.4
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	7,104	1,488	2,279	1,027	2,310	864	745	584	1,242	77	594	193	-67.5	-74.1
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	7,168	1,868	1,364	1,692	2,243	1,091	700	535	622	125	498	469	-5.9	-33.0
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	5,949	1,300	1,048	1,521	2,081	1,404	484	571	675	294	513	596	16.2	23.2
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	5,931	1,727	1,158	1,468	1,578	1,938	478	587	426	864	859	215	-75.0	-55.0
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	4,750	1,081	1,229	1,056	1,384	1,215	361	445	474	188	512	515	0.5	42.8
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	5,262	564	2,245	991	1,462	621	184	488	658	185	185	250	35.3	36.2
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	3,723	722	820	961	1,219	660	309	355	460	78	234	348	48.8	12.5
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	3,567	897	842	854	973	506	261	174	208	274	73	158	115.1	-39.4
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	8,846	432	6,179	907	1,328	419	166	643	375	129	111	179	61.3	7.9
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	4,342	678	1,290	1,294	1,080	740	246	562	378	141	168	431	156.3	75.0
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	4,342	938	1,393	846	1,165	1,023	502	389	463	105	117	801	584.3	59.5
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	2,164	580	436	612	536	540	348	169	193	173	270	96	-64.4	-72.3
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	3,120	559	1,004	1,031	526	959	166	243	184	-	331	628	89.6	279.2
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	2,424	431	526	830	637	506	234	201	200	168	205	132	-35.7	-43.7
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	2,332	719	807	343	463	508	240	163	168	164	86	258	199.4	7.7
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	3,380	392	693	1,652	643	3,146	116	94	328	227	197	2,722	1,279.8	2,251.0
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	2,521	364	531	499	1,128	511	140	805	138	133	93	286	207.4	104.6
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	1,198	146	334	340	378	243	62	55	179	81	14	147	958.6	136.5
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	817	355	107	246	110	600	158	17	36	168	402	30	-92.6	-81.3
...	Others	14,616	12,482	14,930	3,034	5,305	2,768	3,823	2,482	1,679	1,049	1,438	674	1,326	482	-63.7	-71.3
01-98	Total	900,997	939,443	1,031,313	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	90,266	101,432	100,219	54,741	74,937	76,745	2.4	-15.0

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

Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter						Month						% change	
				2019				2020		2019			2020			Mar 20 /	Mar 20 /
	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)	Mar	Nov (*)	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Mar (P)	Feb 20 /	Mar 19	
Food & Live Animal	232,794	249,568	246,220	49,630	59,256	64,850	72,483	55,446	18,908	22,329	26,088	14,676	18,527	22,244	20.1	17.6	
Beverages & Tobacco	11,548	11,226	10,100	1,615	3,013	3,050	2,422	1,992	559	688	1,016	386	633	973	53.8	74.1	
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	24,438	31,810	35,063	7,055	10,068	7,696	10,244	3,611	2,794	4,613	2,578	761	1,282	1,568	22.4	-43.9	
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	143,389	173,370	175,246	45,377	32,563	44,806	52,499	39,806	16,018	20,509	15,921	1,005	21,415	17,387	-18.8	8.5	
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,766	6,144	5,940	1,254	1,432	1,854	1,399	1,139	471	344	451	511	226	403	78.5	-14.5	
Chemicals & Related Products	62,072	70,209	69,884	14,426	17,496	18,994	18,967	13,886	5,702	6,850	5,933	5,581	3,829	4,476	16.9	-21.5	
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	148,194	139,555	159,098	40,546	39,243	33,494	45,815	30,437	16,741	13,476	16,942	12,034	10,581	7,822	-26.1	-53.3	
Machinery & Transport Equipment	178,973	175,742	230,974	46,207	62,158	55,595	67,015	41,971	20,465	23,405	22,441	14,587	12,881	14,504	12.6	-29.1	
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	93,809	81,783	98,777	20,783	30,455	21,225	26,313	18,131	8,609	9,219	8,848	5,196	5,566	7,369	32.4	-14.4	
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	13	35	11	4	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	4	-	-	0.0	-100.0	
Total	900,997	939,443	1,031,313	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	90,266	101,432	100,218	54,741	74,938	76,745	2.4	-15.0	

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Table 7: Imports by Region, by main Countries of Exports

Values (in '000 Tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter					Month					% Change		
	2016	2017	2018	2019(P)	2019			2020	2019			2020			Mar 20 /Feb 20	Mar 20 /Mar 19	
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)	Mar	Nov (*)	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)			Mar (P)
Region																	
Africa	17	47	195	41	14	13	14	1	128	0	0	0	0	0	128	0.0	0.0
America	95,957	103,318	95,229	93,527	14,817	23,889	24,466	30,356	21,273	5,572	11,495	10,126	4,560	6,419	10,294	60.4	84.7
Asia	381,432	383,539	427,408	489,645	115,666	118,254	116,515	139,211	97,992	47,816	43,915	49,954	25,522	38,986	33,484	-14.1	-30.0
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	10,952	3,778	3,002	2,712	1,460	1,445	1,361	738	179	333	175	937	434.9	-31.2
Oceania	408,679	388,321	408,355	437,147	92,623	110,530	107,860	126,134	85,587	35,516	45,284	39,959	24,327	29,358	31,902	8.7	-10.2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Top Countries																	
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	270,086	58,979	67,945	66,967	76,195	51,679	24,028	27,235	23,897	14,096	17,303	20,280	17.2	15.6
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	93,043	20,226	24,614	22,525	25,678	18,864	6,972	9,739	7,057	6,148	5,841	6,875	17.7	1.4
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	66,895	12,301	16,430	16,715	21,449	12,478	4,165	8,063	6,708	3,872	4,177	4,430	6.1	6.4
United States of America	92,621	100,314	92,867	90,688	14,303	22,877	24,007	29,502	21,512	5,473	11,245	10,117	4,544	6,717	10,251	52.6	87.3
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	127,719	30,374	46,946	18,765	31,635	20,082	16,128	7,896	14,074	8,799	8,221	3,063	-62.7	81.0
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	50,131	13,141	10,356	10,832	15,801	9,636	5,281	6,852	5,198	4,403	1,739	3,494	101.0	33.8
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	11,160	3,055	2,595	2,779	2,731	1,830	1,181	465	1,120	229	932	668	-28.3	43.4
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	40,280	7,551	7,610	12,028	13,091	9,051	3,269	4,160	4,271	5,365	1,743	1,943	11.5	40.6
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	9,788	1,685	3,020	2,084	3,000	2,838	622	849	1,360	1,263	1,048	527	-49.7	15.3
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	1,990	662	460	518	350	134	599	64	156	-	110	24	-77.9	96.0
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	174,133	44,569	32,651	46,023	50,890	43,310	15,380	16,994	17,201	238	22,487	20,585	-8.5	33.8
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	28,481	7,662	5,424	5,816	9,578	5,266	2,708	2,223	4,337	2,693	1,886	687	-63.5	74.6
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	12,268	1,229	1,237	8,062	1,740	220	347	861	837	128	65	26	-59.7	92.4
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	4,783	965	370	409	3,039	1,167	606	1,383	1,019	60	738	369	-50.0	39.2
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	19,583	2,526	5,471	6,186	5,400	3,664	824	2,194	129	2,055	24	1,585	6,449.6	92.3
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	580	285	167	34	95	10	22	36	59	3	7	-	-100.0	100.0
Tonga	2,248	187	489	296	58	38	140	59	565	38	17	9	35	486	45	-90.8	16.1
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	4,551	982	273	1,583	1,713	555	551	254	322	120	238	196	-17.6	64.4
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	5,035	956	1,385	1,203	1,490	970	80	522	361	103	554	314	-43.4	292.9
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	19,824	5,389	5,820	4,889	3,726	2,592	1,990	381	1,986	587	622	1,381	122.1	30.6
Total	899,005	900,997	939,443	1,031,313	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	90,266	101,432	100,218	54,741	74,937	76,745	2.4	15.0

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