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MERCHANDISE TRADE

March 2021 quarter

Highlights of the quarter

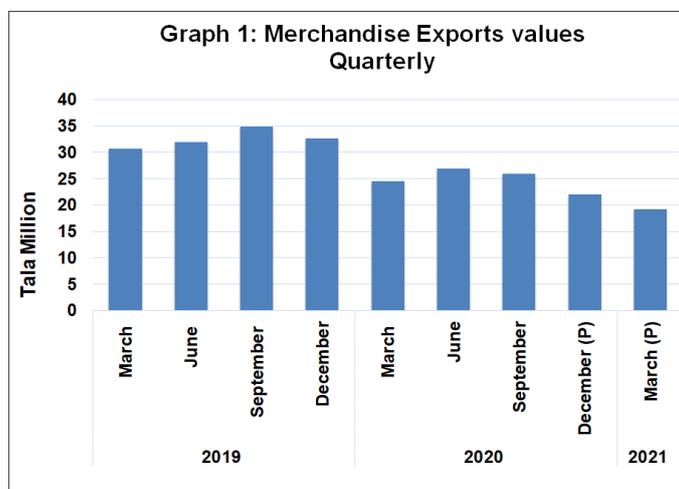
(March 2021 quarter compared with December 2020 quarter)

- Total merchandise exports declined 12.5 percent to \$19.23 million.
- Total merchandise imports declined 5.52 percent to \$225.54 million.
- Resulting in a trade deficit of \$206.31 million

Overview

Value of Merchandise Exports

In the March 2021 quarter, merchandise exports were valued at \$19.23 million, declining 12.5 percent from the previous quarter. Mainly responsible for the current decrease were lower values of fish, crustaceans and molluscs, mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, vegetables, fats and oils and beverages exports to mention a few. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2020, the value of merchandise exports decreased 21.5 percent. (See Graph 1 and Table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2021 showed a 24.1 percent decrease in the total value of

merchandise exports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2020.

Exports of Main Commodities

In the March 2021 quarter, **fish, crustaceans and molluscs** decreased 22.7 percent (to \$5.9 million) from the previous quarters, accounting for 30.8 percent of the total merchandise exports value. When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2020, the value of fish, crustaceans and molluscs exports decreased 8.3 percent.

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products exports followed with a total value of \$2.1 million (11.2 percent of total merchandise exports value), decreasing 8.1 percent and 69.3 percent when compared to December 2020 quarter and March 2020 quarter respectively.

Vegetables exports declined 16.0 percent (to \$2.1 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 11.1 percent of total merchandise exports value. Exports of taro was mainly responsible for the current reduction (down 17.6 percent). On the other hand, the value of vegetables exports increased 47.2 percent when compared to the same quarter of 2020.

Fats and oils with an export value of \$2.0 million accounted for 10.2 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 20.4 percent from the preceding quarter. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2020, the value of fats and oils exports increased \$1.2 million.

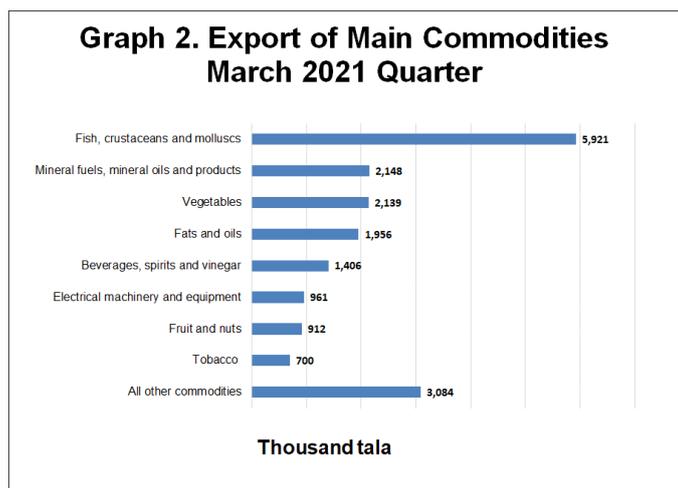
Beverages, spirits and vinegar exports were valued at \$1.4 million, accounting for 7.3 percent of the total merchandise exports value, decreasing 23.0 percent from the previous quarter but 22.5 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2020.

Electrical machinery and equipment exports recorded a total value of \$0.96 million (5.0 percent of total merchandise exports value), increasing 22.4 percent from December 2020 quarter. When compared to March 2020 quarter, the value of electrical machinery and equipment exports fall

22.3 percent.

Fruits and nuts exports were valued at \$0.91 million (4.7 percent of total merchandise exports value). This value was 57.5 percent and 57.9 percent higher than the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively reflecting the increase in coconut and breadfruit exports to mention a few.

Tobacco exports increased 18.7 percent to \$0.7 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 3.6 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the same quarter of 2020, the value of tobacco exports decreased 10.9 percent. All '**other commodities**' recorded less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise exports value having a combined total of \$3.1 million. (See Graph 2 and table 2.)



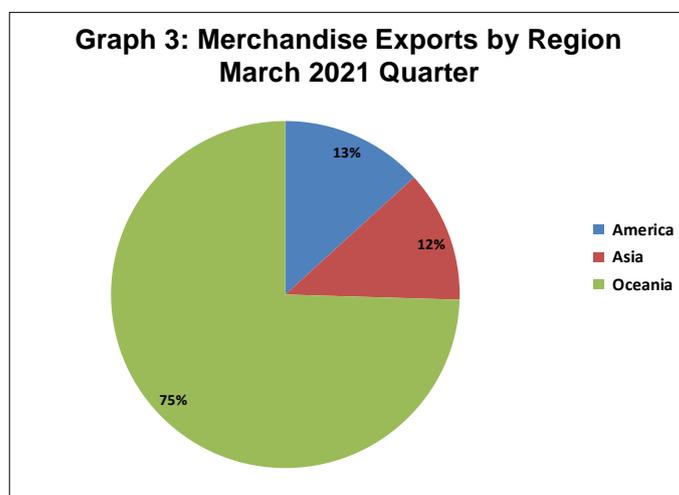
Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Exports by Region

In the March 2020 quarter, the **Oceania** region had the largest share of total merchandise exports value with 74.5 percent, decreasing 12.1 percent from the previous quarter and 16.3 percent when compared to the same quarter of 2020.

The **America** region followed with a 13.2 percent share of the total merchandise exports value, recording a 11.1 percent decrease from the previous quarter but was 16.8 percent higher than the same quarter of 2020.

The **Asia** region had a total share of 12.3 percent, decreasing 8.1 percent and 39.7 percent when compared to December 2020 quarter and March 2020 quarter respectively. (See graph 3 and table 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination

Exports to **American Samoa** remained as the leading country of destination for merchandise exports in the March 2021 quarter accounting for 27.8 percent (\$5.3 million) of total merchandise exports value. This value was 38.8 percent and 16.6 percent lower when compared to December 2020 quarter and March 2020 quarter respectively. Exports to **New Zealand** recorded a total merchandise export share of 18.4 percent (to \$3.5 million). This was 5.9 percent and 14.7 percent lower than December 2020 quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

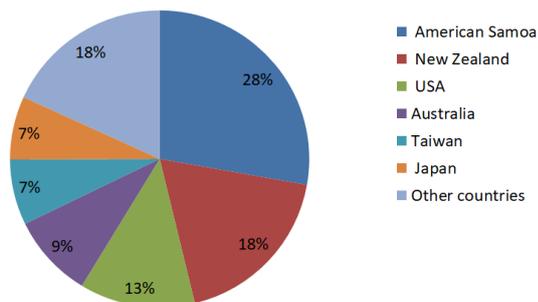
Exports to **USA** represented 12.5 percent share of total merchandise export value (to \$2.4 million), decreasing 10.1 percent from the previous quarter but was 15.6 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2020.

Exports to **Australia** accounted for 9.1 percent share of total merchandise exports value (to \$1.8 million), increasing 5.4 percent when compared to December 2020 quarter but decreasing 19.8 percent when compared to the same quarter of 2020.

Exports to **Taiwan** had a total value of \$1.4 million, contributing 7.1 percent to total merchandise exports value, declining 2.5 percent and 18.4 percent from the previous quarter and the March 2020 quarter respectively.

Exports to **Japan** were valued at \$1.3 million, representing 6.9 percent share of total merchandise exports value, increasing \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million when compared to December 2020 quarter and March 2020 quarter respectively. Exports to '**other countries**' had a combined export share of 18.2 percent. (See Graph 4 and Table 4).

**Graph 4: Merchandise Exports by Countries of Destination
March 2021 Quarter**

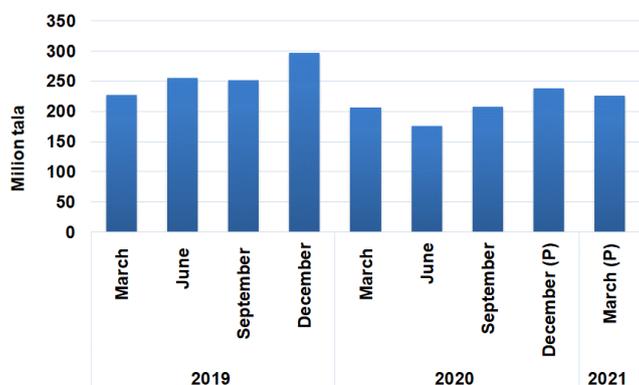


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Value of Merchandise Imports

In March 2021 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$225.54 million. This value was 5.52 percent lower than the December 2020 quarter but was 9.3 percent higher when compared to the March 2020 quarter. (See graph 5 and table 5)

Graph 5: Merchandise Imports Values Quarterly



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2021 showed a 16.1 percent decrease in the total value of merchandise imports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2020.

Import of Main Commodities

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and product maintained as the top imported commodity in March 2021 quarter, valued at \$31.34 million (13.9 percent of total merchandise imports value). This was 12.7 percent higher than the December 2020 quarter but was 23.0 percent lower than that of March 2020 quarter.

Meat and edible meat offal were valued at \$17.02 million (7.5 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 2.8 percent and 8.2 percent over

the December 2020 quarter and the March 2020 quarter in that order.

Vehicles, parts and accessories documented a total value of \$16.32 million, decreasing 11.0 percent over the previous quarter but was 18.2 percent higher compared to the same quarter in 2020.

Mechanical machinery and equipment imports decreased 34.3 percent to \$13.48 percent from the previous quarter (6.0 percent of total merchandise imports value), but was 10.1 percent higher when compared to March 2020 quarter.

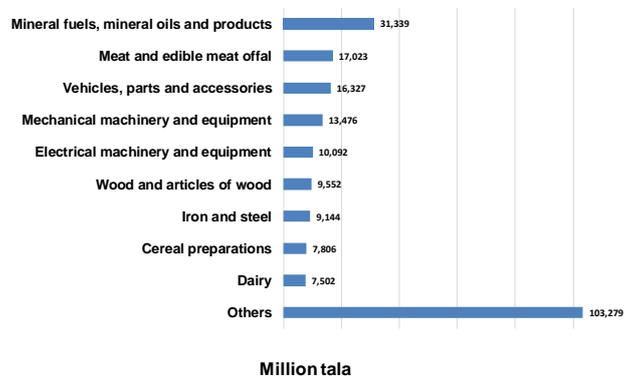
Electrical machinery and equipment were valued at \$10.1 million (4.5 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 3.6 percent and 34.7 percent when compared to December 2020 quarter and March 2020 quarter respectively.

Wood and articles of wood imports had a total value of \$9.6 million (4.2 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing \$0.62 million over the previous month but was \$5.9 million higher when compared to the same quarter of 2020.

Iron and steel increased 3.4 percent (to \$9.1 million) from the preceding month, accounting for 4.1 percent of total merchandise imports value. When compared to March 2020 quarter, total value of iron and steel imports declined 14.8 percent.

The value of **cereal preparations** and **dairy** products decreased from the previous quarter valued at \$7.8 million and \$7.5 million respectively while all '**other commodities**' accounted for less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise imports value having a combined total of \$103.28 million. (See graph 6 and table 5)

**Graph 6: Imports of Main Commodities
March 2021 Quarter**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Imports by Region

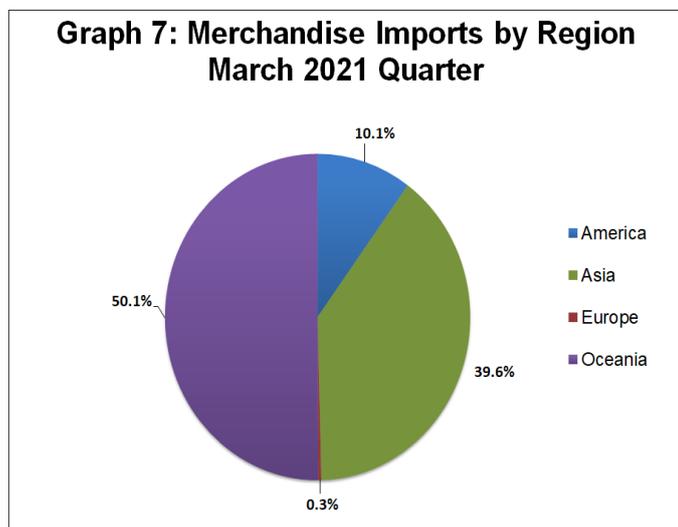
According to March 2021 quarter, **Oceania** region recorded the largest share of total merchandise imports value with 50.1 percent, decreasing 8.7 percent from the December 2020 quarter but was

32.0 percent higher when compared to March 2020 quarter.

Asia recorded a total share of 39.6 percent of total merchandise imports value, declining 1.4 percent and 9.0 percent when compared to the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

America recorded a total share of 10.1 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 1.4 percent from the previous quarter but 6.7 percent higher than that of March 2020 quarter.

Europe had a total share of 0.3 percent, decreasing 40.4 percent and 52.1 percent from the preceding quarter and the March 2020 quarter respectively. (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 market for merchandise imports for March 2021 quarter, despite the 11.8 percent decrease in its value from the previous quarter, accounting for 27.3 percent of total merchandise imports value (\$61.50 million). When compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020, the value of imports from New Zealand increased 19.0 percent.

Imports from **Australia** accounted for 14.4 percent (\$32.51 million) of total merchandise imports value, slightly decreasing 0.3 percent from the previous quarter but increasing 72.3 percent when compared to the same quarter of 2020.

Imports from **Singapore** represented 13.0 percent (\$29.39 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 3.8 percent from the December 2020 quarter but 32.1 percent lower than the March 2020 quarter.

Imports from **USA** recorded a 9.9 percent (\$22.37 million) share of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 3.9 percent when compared to December 2020 quarter but was 4.0 percent higher than that of March 2020 quarter.

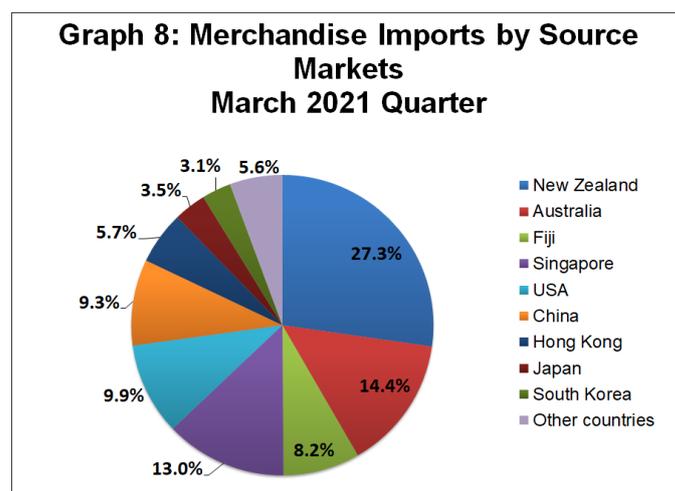
Imports from **China** accounted for 9.3 percent (\$20.89 million) of total merchandise imports value,

increasing 33.5 percent and 4.0 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020 respectively.

Imports from **Fiji** accounted for 8.2 percent (\$18.48 million) of total merchandise imports value, declining 11.4 percent from the previous quarter but 48.1 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2020.

Imports from **Hong Kong** represented 5.7 percent (\$12.78 million) of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 13.4 percent from the previous quarter but 32.7 percent increase over the same quarter in 2020.

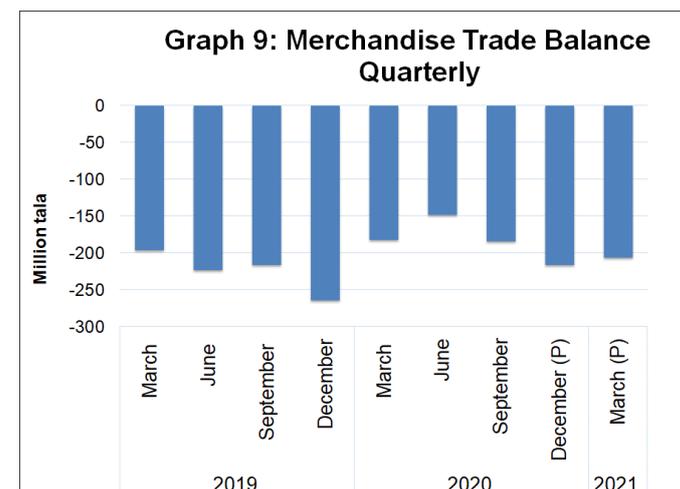
Imports from **Japan** and **South Korea** recorded 3.5 percent and 3.1 percent of total merchandise imports value respectively. All 'other countries' accounted for less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise imports value having a combined share of 5.6 percent. (See graph 8 and table 8)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Trade Balance

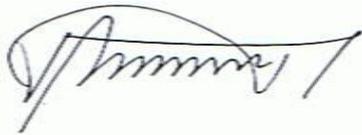
In the March 2021 quarter, the total value of merchandise imports (\$225.54 million) exceeded that of exports (\$19.23 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$206.31 million. (See graph 9 and table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The June 2021 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on September 10th 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Papali'i Fasavalu Benjamin Sila', is written over a light green rectangular background.

Papali'i Fasavalu Benjamin Sila
Acting Government Statistician/Acting
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 Customs and 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) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾				
Period		Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
Annual				
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
2020 (P)		99,339	828,652	-729,313
Quarter				
2016	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
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	32,608	297,161	-264,553
2020	March	24,478	206,424	-181,945
	June	26,894	175,367	-148,472
	September	26,002	208,137	-184,134
	December (P)	21,965	238,724	-216,779
2021	March (P)	19,227	225,540	-206,313

Table 2: Exports by main CommoditiesValues (000 tala) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

HS Code	Commodity	Quarter											
		2018	2019 (P)	2020 (P)	2019				2020				2021
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,836	46,415	32,774	9,678	8,580	15,466	12,690	6,454	8,461	10,204	7,655	5,921
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	30,663	32,165	14,149	7,108	7,572	9,525	7,959	6,986	2,258	2,567	2,337	2,148
7	Vegetables	7,386	7,915	8,841	1,718	2,080	2,270	1,847	1,453	2,089	2,751	2,548	2,139
15	Fats and oils	2,268	4,740	9,117	1,180	1,346	468	1,836	786	3,520	2,352	2,459	1,956
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	7,341	5,238	5,080	919	1,500	1,425	1,394	1,148	841	1,265	1,826	1,406
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	3,273	4,879	8,627	1,040	1,937	973	929	1,237	4,677	1,929	785	961
8	Fruit and nuts	1,960	2,024	2,385	601	513	306	603	578	455	773	579	912
24	Tobacco	699	1,337	2,399	238	110	293	696	786	301	722	590	700
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	10,258	12,237	2,677	5,449	5,134	833	821	1,260	541	285	591	520
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	692	845	864	273	148	171	253	196	219	174	274	290
18	Cocoa	908	587	763	24	152	224	187	172	88	318	185	278
12	Oil seeds	477	950	812	42	87	327	494	110	242	212	249	246
44	Wood and articles of wood	429	371	846	24	181	36	130	198	241	308	99	238
4	Dairy	477	308	1,044	37	70	75	126	110	496	263	175	176
19	Cereal preparations	1,113	741	409	346	110	94	191	286	35	40	48	157
23	Food wastes	1,309	166	326	16	79	18	54	161	20	52	92	145
2	Meat and edible offal	4,846	583	280	177	127	94	186	76	57	65	83	138
64	Footwear	464	216	315	110	0	105	1	94	0	103	118	104
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	390	481	774	30	257	145	49	296	169	35	274	85
39	Plastics and articles	3,677	1,005	1,181	337	533	112	23	751	383	39	8	84
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	301	554	970	54	154	118	228	116	397	216	241	69
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	235	84	217	26	29	26	3	25	31	64	97	58
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	357	623	571	92	86	257	188	167	158	152	94	56
34	Soaps and polishes	270	1,020	154	15	20	491	493	54	28	36	36	44
16	Meat and fish preparation	451	376	427	99	59	67	152	118	182	54	73	42
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	311	730	133	5	414	217	93	41	6	33	53	22
25	Mineral substances	291	325	468	29	139	85	72	44	77	268	78	15
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	505	808	402	382	47	39	340	261	54	51	36	9
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	314	454	26	23	124	194	112	3	0	22	1	6
17	Sugar	152	61	27	10	20	17	13	9	13	5	0	3
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	470	68	347	2	14	15	36	117	41	84	106	2
10	Cereals	143	105	170	9	23	23	51	49	109	7	4	0
...	Others	2,937	1,688	1,765	592	319	329	448	338	703	553	171	299
01-98	Total	119,204	130,098	99,339	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,698	24,478	26,893	26,002	21,965	19,227

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Notes: (*)HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2017 applies to November 2019 and later data. HS2012 is used for earlier data.)

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

Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter								
				2019				2020				2021
	2018	2019	2020 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)
Food & Live Animal	63,598	73,254	51,302	18,610	17,285	19,941	17,418	11,092	12,803	14,993	12,414	10,719
Beverages & Tobacco	8,012	6,563	7,732	1,156	1,610	1,707	2,089	1,934	1,143	2,225	2,430	2,107
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,017	881	1,542	228	298	116	239	228	413	434	468	282
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	30,656	32,159	14,145	7,104	7,572	9,524	7,959	6,984	2,258	2,567	2,337	2,148
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	1,580	2,110	7,170	3	398	198	1,511	708	8	10	1,757	0
Chemicals & Related Products	1,649	4,021	1,790	1,257	1,072	840	852	226	3,627	2,487	868	2,150
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,904	2,625	2,376	211	792	572	1,050	565	886	645	280	511
Machinery & Transport Equipment	4,212	6,066	10,339	1,520	2,081	1,271	1,194	1,671	4,898	2,150	899	1,026
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	5,577	2,369	2,930	593	858	671	246	1,071	858	490	513	282
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	49	14	0	0	0	49	0	-	1	-	1
Total	119,204	130,098	99,340	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,608	24,478	26,894	26,002	21,965	19,227

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Table 4: Exports by Region, by main Countries of DestinationValues (in '000 Tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region/Country	Annual			Quarter								
	2018	2019	2020 (P)	2019				2020				2021
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)
Region												
Africa	1	10	0	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
America	11,549	16,829	11,200	7,050	4,139	2,669	2,972	2,175	3,630	2,537	2,857	2,540
Asia	19,118	22,115	12,335	3,989	4,913	6,857	6,356	3,912	3,780	2,076	2,567	2,358
Europe	977	1,055	1,911	332	218	234	272	1,270	264	135	242	0
Oceania	87,474	90,087	73,893	19,312	22,694	25,081	23,000	17,121	19,218	21,254	16,300	14,329
Other	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Top Countries												
American Samoa	31,779	40,423	33,011	8,494	7,757	13,100	11,072	6,408	7,306	10,563	8,733	5,345
New Zealand	21,101	20,762	17,447	4,623	5,684	5,582	4,873	4,149	4,385	5,149	3,764	3,541
USA	11,214	15,127	10,868	6,001	3,687	2,563	2,876	2,076	3,546	2,577	2,668	2,400
Australia	12,850	10,663	8,253	2,592	3,511	2,338	2,223	2,182	3,208	1,202	1,661	1,750
Taiwan	8,716	8,152	5,576	945	1,665	2,836	2,706	1,680	916	1,574	1,406	1,370
Tokelau	16,439	11,301	9,234	2,543	2,918	2,594	3,245	2,688	3,145	2,088	1,313	1,262
Japan	3,995	5,640	5,258	969	545	2,098	2,028	816	2,506	1,312	624	1,326
Singapore	1,571	2,064	300	398	591	625	450	42	31	30	196	73
China	1,446	1,767	1,070	293	428	440	606	656	192	128	94	40
Fiji	4,234	3,323	780	832	699	879	913	585	10	99	86	503
Other countries	5,860	10,875	7,543	2,994	4,478	1,785	1,617	3,195	1,648	1,280	1,420	1,617
Total	119,204	130,097	99,339	30,683	31,965	34,841	32,608	24,478	26,893	26,002	21,965	19,227

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		2018	2019 (P)	2020 (P)	2019				2020				2021
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	178,467	182,429	115,734	48,549	35,552	45,460	52,868	40,676	21,040	26,211	27,807	31,339
2	Meat and edible meat offal	65,488	69,433	63,639	10,990	17,500	20,117	20,825	15,733	14,890	16,455	16,560	17,023
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	68,629	94,809	58,714	17,185	30,484	20,790	26,350	13,809	10,679	15,891	18,336	16,327
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	50,752	65,448	59,284	9,417	14,648	22,637	18,746	12,244	11,614	14,925	20,501	13,476
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	55,480	69,003	48,157	19,375	15,846	11,958	21,824	15,463	11,000	11,223	10,470	10,092
44	Wood and articles of wood	31,139	34,940	27,508	6,266	8,673	8,132	11,869	3,652	4,899	8,783	10,174	9,552
72-73	Iron and steel	46,784	54,211	34,321	15,404	11,851	12,163	14,794	10,739	4,400	10,335	8,847	9,144
19	Cereal preparations	29,884	29,417	28,933	7,080	7,065	6,820	8,453	6,305	7,668	6,624	8,335	7,806
4	Dairy	29,274	31,626	31,146	6,802	8,535	7,533	8,756	6,912	7,822	7,945	8,468	7,502
16	Meat and fish preparation	24,251	19,612	21,966	4,481	3,852	4,674	6,605	5,551	5,510	5,225	5,681	6,379
48	Paper products	16,865	17,234	16,573	4,080	4,449	4,144	4,561	3,727	3,388	4,606	4,853	6,350
39	Plastics and articles	29,232	29,660	20,445	6,439	7,858	6,986	8,377	4,829	5,064	4,952	5,600	5,036
94	Furniture	13,486	17,788	9,572	3,737	5,631	3,491	4,929	2,484	1,749	3,389	1,950	4,653
30	Pharmaceutical products	13,930	12,875	23,951	2,280	3,421	4,126	3,048	2,213	2,287	3,477	15,974	4,412
25	Mineral substances	16,378	18,956	17,015	4,815	4,311	3,543	6,287	2,755	3,025	6,350	4,885	4,069
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	18,298	18,038	16,435	3,609	4,287	5,016	5,127	3,987	3,673	3,728	5,046	4,069
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipm	9,316	9,520	16,496	2,742	2,066	1,303	3,410	2,803	8,531	1,771	3,392	3,643
11	Milling industry products	14,247	15,459	13,998	3,205	3,777	4,136	4,341	2,779	3,509	3,978	3,732	3,633
17	Sugar	14,117	13,049	13,303	2,390	3,357	3,341	3,960	2,046	3,874	4,365	3,017	3,427
34	Soaps and polishes	15,141	12,662	14,613	2,558	2,972	3,377	3,756	3,407	3,934	3,506	3,767	2,862
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	8,585	12,034	5,297	1,953	2,805	3,618	3,658	1,060	845	1,465	1,927	2,673
7	Vegetables	9,249	9,474	8,151	2,264	2,510	2,163	2,537	2,124	1,873	2,000	2,155	2,618
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	10,618	9,952	8,579	2,122	2,631	2,538	2,660	2,032	2,214	2,147	2,187	2,148
76	Aluminium	7,411	10,060	7,170	2,511	3,117	1,378	3,054	1,963	1,125	1,613	2,468	2,104
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,440	9,913	6,843	2,508	2,437	2,366	2,602	1,518	1,318	1,653	2,354	2,101
22	Beverages	8,870	7,400	4,958	1,133	2,079	2,208	1,980	1,156	1,211	1,011	1,580	2,077
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,225	10,569	10,620	3,582	2,465	2,087	2,435	2,333	2,831	2,366	3,090	1,824
15	Fats and oils	8,495	8,136	8,304	1,661	2,050	2,435	1,990	1,621	2,535	2,231	1,917	1,816
69	Ceramic products	4,673	5,931	5,332	1,727	1,158	1,468	1,578	1,938	572	1,268	1,555	1,798
10	Cereals	16,613	11,484	15,182	2,895	1,995	3,346	3,248	3,502	2,683	6,270	2,727	1,779
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	9,226	9,391	9,262	1,752	2,268	2,850	2,521	1,557	2,525	2,827	2,353	1,699
40	Rubber	9,802	7,967	7,725	1,721	2,198	1,852	2,197	1,503	2,137	1,903	2,182	1,573
70	Glass and glassware	6,083	7,104	4,862	1,488	2,279	1,027	2,310	864	1,338	1,421	1,238	1,416
68	Stone	6,397	6,916	5,656	1,624	1,689	1,540	2,063	2,147	644	905	1,959	1,280
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	6,562	7,978	6,890	1,490	1,721	2,500	2,267	1,818	1,474	1,520	2,078	1,180
8	Fruits and nuts	3,974	3,723	3,252	722	820	961	1,219	660	628	974	990	1,063
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	3,583	4,342	2,997	938	1,393	846	1,165	1,023	228	755	991	1,040
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,251	7,168	3,272	1,868	1,364	1,692	2,243	1,091	499	767	915	1,039
49	Books and newspapers	2,229	3,380	5,654	392	693	1,652	643	3,146	416	292	1,799	1,004
23	Food wastes	4,655	4,750	5,250	1,081	1,229	1,056	1,384	1,215	1,311	1,274	1,450	946
37	Photographic equipment	2,396	2,332	1,962	719	807	343	463	508	459	468	528	843
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,695	4,342	2,924	678	1,290	1,294	1,080	740	540	567	1,078	802
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	3,130	2,164	2,349	580	436	612	536	540	429	658	722	793
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,861	3,567	2,655	897	842	854	973	506	572	974	603	786
63	Made up textile articles	3,985	5,262	2,732	564	2,245	991	1,462	621	562	748	801	768
3	Fish	5,137	5,949	5,574	1,300	1,048	1,521	2,081	1,404	1,242	1,073	1,856	747
64	Footwear	2,685	2,424	2,475	431	526	830	637	506	493	629	848	712
95	Toys and games	3,710	8,846	3,164	432	6,179	907	1,328	419	494	865	1,386	631
24	Tobacco	2,751	3,120	2,597	559	1,004	1,031	526	959	605	234	799	630
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,822	2,521	1,749	364	531	499	1,128	511	449	332	457	441
18	Cocoa	1,596	1,198	1,167	146	334	340	378	243	240	236	449	184
52	Cotton	1,093	817	934	355	107	246	110	600	42	63	229	116
...	Others	12,482	14,930	11,310	3,034	5,305	2,768	3,823	2,482	2,281	2,890	3,658	14,116
01-98	Total	939,443	1,031,313	828,651	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	175,366	208,137	238,724	225,540

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

Values (000 tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter								
				2019				2020				2021
	2018	2019 (P)	2020 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)
Food & Live Animal	249,568	246,220	239,225	49,630	59,256	64,850	72,483	55,446	57,112	62,915	63,752	59,645
Beverages & Tobacco	11,226	10,100	7,260	1,615	3,013	3,050	2,422	1,992	2,021	1,103	2,144	2,622
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	31,810	35,063	26,188	7,055	10,068	7,696	10,244	3,611	5,111	8,732	8,736	8,657
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	173,370	175,246	112,034	45,377	32,563	44,806	52,499	39,806	19,635	25,249	27,344	30,996
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	6,144	5,940	6,489	1,254	1,432	1,854	1,399	1,139	2,059	1,731	1,560	1,510
Chemicals & Related Products	70,209	69,884	75,048	14,426	17,496	18,994	18,967	13,886	15,345	16,356	29,461	15,456
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	139,555	159,098	118,935	40,546	39,243	33,494	45,815	30,437	20,214	33,588	34,696	33,940
Machinery & Transport Equipment	175,742	230,974	171,299	46,207	62,158	55,595	67,015	41,971	36,586	42,261	50,481	50,390
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	81,783	98,777	72,101	20,783	30,455	21,225	26,313	18,131	17,269	16,188	20,513	22,318
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	35	11	71	4	2	2	4	4	15	13	38	5
Total	939,443	1,031,313	828,651	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	175,366	208,137	238,724	225,540

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Table 8: Imports by Region, by main Countries of ExportsValues (in '000 Tala)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region/Country	Annual			Quarter								
	2018	2019 (P)	2020 (P)	2019				2020				2021
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)
Region												
Africa	195	41	153	14	13	14	1	128	20	2	2	0
America	95,229	93,527	87,590	14,817	23,889	24,466	30,356	21,273	21,099	21,787	23,431	22,688
Asia	427,408	489,645	328,372	115,666	118,254	2,712	139,211	97,992	66,918	72,990	90,472	89,217
Europe	8,257	10,952	3,809	3,778	3,002	2,712	1,460	1,445	123	1,080	1,161	692
Oceania	408,355	437,147	408,729	92,623	110,530	107,860	126,134	85,587	87,206	112,276	123,660	112,942
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Top Countries												
New Zealand	255,627	270,086	237,309	58,979	67,945	66,967	76,195	51,679	49,333	66,527	69,771	61,506
Australia	93,040	93,043	93,847	20,226	24,614	22,525	25,678	18,864	21,278	21,109	32,595	32,511
Fiji	53,839	66,895	68,282	12,301	16,430	16,715	21,449	12,478	16,283	18,663	20,859	18,480
USA	92,867	90,688	87,320	14,303	22,877	24,007	29,502	21,512	20,570	21,968	23,270	22,365
China	84,772	127,719	68,204	30,374	46,946	18,765	31,635	20,082	13,209	19,259	15,654	20,890
Hong Kong	45,888	50,131	44,732	13,141	10,356	10,832	15,801	9,636	9,796	10,539	14,761	12,784
Indonesia	12,325	11,160	8,205	3,055	2,595	2,779	2,731	1,830	2,785	2,104	1,486	1,792
Japan	39,987	40,280	36,584	7,551	7,610	12,028	13,091	9,051	10,002	5,678	11,853	7,816
Malaysia	7,022	9,788	6,395	1,685	3,020	2,084	3,000	2,838	1,147	1,393	1,017	1,070
Philippines	850	1,990	485	662	460	518	350	134	89	191	71	42
Singapore	173,563	174,133	118,465	44,569	32,651	46,023	50,890	43,310	20,833	26,010	28,313	29,393
Thailand	26,839	28,481	23,200	7,662	5,424	5,816	9,578	5,266	4,077	5,348	8,509	6,336
India	5,732	12,268	1,649	1,229	1,237	8,062	1,740	220	165	266	998	1,285
Korea Democratic People's	4,843	4,783	3,423	965	370	409	3,039	1,167	972	1,068	215	321
Korea Republic	18,106	19,583	17,092	2,526	5,471	6,186	5,400	3,664	2,237	4,126	7,065	7,086
Papua New Guinea	346	580	195	285	167	34	95	10	92	94	0	0
Tonga	489	296	843	58	38	140	59	565	45	92	141	71
Taiwan, Province of China	2,433	4,551	2,061	982	273	1,583	1,713	555	371	609	526	176
Viet Nam	3,408	5,035	2,540	956	1,385	1,203	1,490	970	939	630	0	0
Other countries	17,466	19,824	7,821	5,389	5,820	4,889	3,726	2,592	1,144	2,463	1,621	1,615
Total	939,443	1,031,313	828,651	226,898	255,687	251,566	297,161	206,424	175,366	208,136	238,724	225,540

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