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MERCHANDISE TRADE December 2014 quarter

Key findings

For the December 2014 quarter compared with the September 2014 quarter:

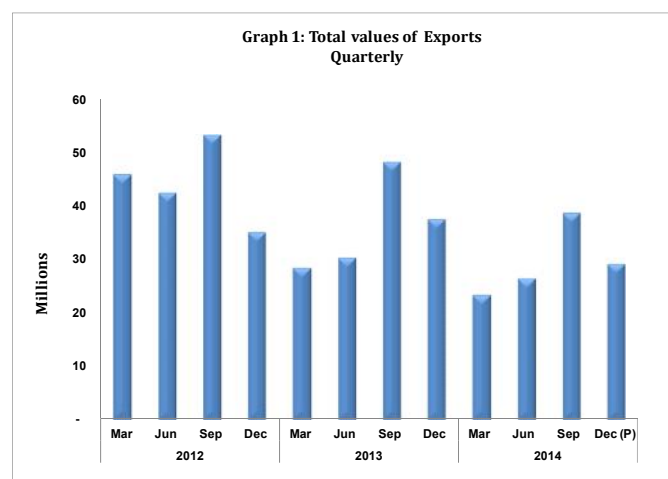
- Exports value fell 24.7 percent \$29 million.
- Ignition wiring sets exports recorded the largest decrease; down \$7.8 million.
- Exports to Australia fell 36.4 percent to \$15.7 million, and to New Zealand fell 18 percent to \$6 million
- Imports value fell 7.5 percent to \$228.4 million
- Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof imports recorded the largest decrease; down \$15.3 million
- Imports from New Zealand fell 29.9 million to \$59.5 million.
- Trade deficit fell 4 percent to \$199.3 million

Overview

Value of Exports

The total value of exports in the December 2014 quarter decreased 24.7 percent (\$9.5 million) to \$29.1 million from the September 2014 quarter. In comparison with the December 2013 quarter, the current value of exports decreased 22.2 percent (\$8.3 million). Mainly responsible for the decrease was lower values of ignition wiring sets exported in the quarter under review.

At \$29.1 million, domestic exports were valued at \$19.8 million and re-exports were valued at \$9.3 million. (See table 1 and graph 1)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2014 showed a decrease of 18.5 percent (\$26.7 million) in the total value of exports compared to the four quarters ending December 2013.

Top export commodities¹

Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles continued to be the largest share of all commodities exported in the December 2014 quarter despite the decrease in its value, contributing \$9.5 million (32.7 percent of total exports). This value was 45.2 percent (\$7.8 million) and 32.6 percent (\$4.6 million) lower than the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively.

Exports of petroleum oils² other than crude oil followed with a total of \$8.6 million (29.5 percent of total exports). This value was 28.0 percent (\$3.3 million) and 5.9 percent (\$538 thousand) lower than the September 2013 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively.

¹ Includes re-export commodities

² Re-exports of fuel for airlines and shipping vessels

Beer exports was third with a total of \$2.8 million (9.5 percent of total exports) which increased by 77.4 percent (\$1.2 million) from the September 2014 quarter. The rise was mainly due to higher values of beer exported to American Samoa. In comparison with the December 2013, the current value of beer exports decreased 59.5 percent (\$4.1 million).

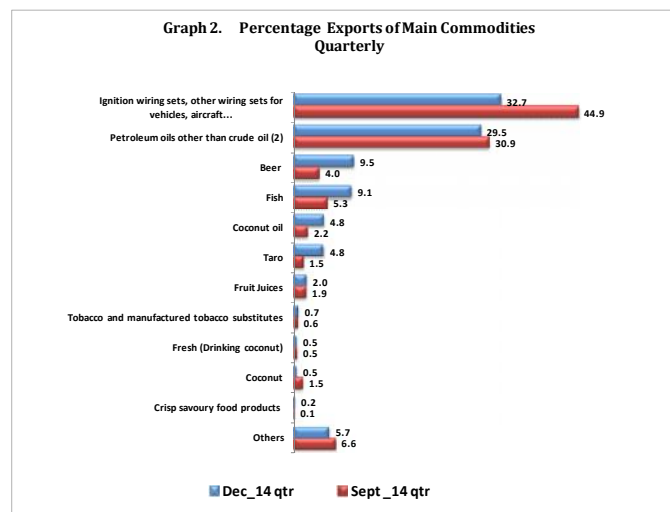
Fish exports was fourth, representing 9.1 percent (\$2.7 million) of total value, increasing 30.6 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 31.6 percent from the December 2013 quarter.

Coconut oil and taro exports accounted for 4.8 percent (\$1.4 million) each of total value. The current value coconut oil was 62.1 percent higher than September 2014 quarter, reflecting higher values of coconut oil exported to Australia (up 83 percent). In comparison with the December 2013 quarter, the current value was 20 times higher than the December 2013 quarter. The current value of taro was twice its value in the September 2014 quarter and 3 times higher than the December 2013 quarter, driven by higher values of exports to New Zealand (up \$775 thousand) and American Samoa (up \$17.6 thousand).

Fruit juices exports accounted for 2.0 percent (\$596 thousand) of total value, decreasing 20.6 percent and 34.1 percent from the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively.

Tobacco exports accounted for 0.7 percent of total value (\$215 thousand), decreasing 8.6 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 48.1 percent from the December 2013 quarter.

Exports of coconut and drinking coconut accounted for 0.5 percent each while crisp savoury food products represented 0.2 percent of total value. Relatively lower share was recorded for natural mineral water and no desiccated coconut exported while other commodities accounted for 5.7 percent share. (See table 2 and graph 2)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Country of Destination for Exports

Australia maintained the largest export market in the December 2014 quarter with its value decreasing to \$15.6 million (53.7 percent of all exports) from \$24.6 million in the September 2014 quarter. In comparison with the December 2013 quarter, the current value of exports to Australia decreased 17.4 percent. Largely responsible for the fall in the current value of exports to Australia was the decrease in the value of ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles exported in the December 2014 quarter.

New Zealand followed with a total of \$6.1 million (20.0 percent of total). This value was 16.7 percent lower than the September 2014 quarter but 33.2 percent higher than the December 2013 quarter.

American Samoa was third with a total of \$3.7 million (12.6 percent of total) which was twice its value in the September 2014 quarter, reflecting higher values of beer and taro exported in the quarter under review. In comparison with the December 2013 quarter, the current value of exports to American Samoa decreased 36.2 percent.

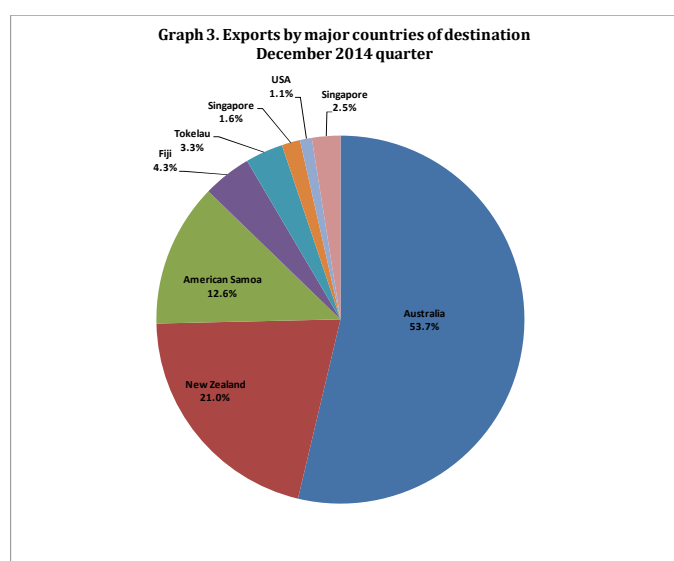
Exports to Fiji contributed 4.3 percent (\$1.2 million) of total exports, increasing 17.7 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 1.0 percent from the December 2013 quarter.

Exports to Tokelau represented 3.3 percent (\$964 thousand) of the total exports, increasing 47.0 percent from the September 2014 quarter

but fell 72.7 percent when compared to the December 2013 quarter.

Exports to USA contributed 1.6 percent of total value, decreasing 24.7 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 40.4 percent from the December 2013 quarter.

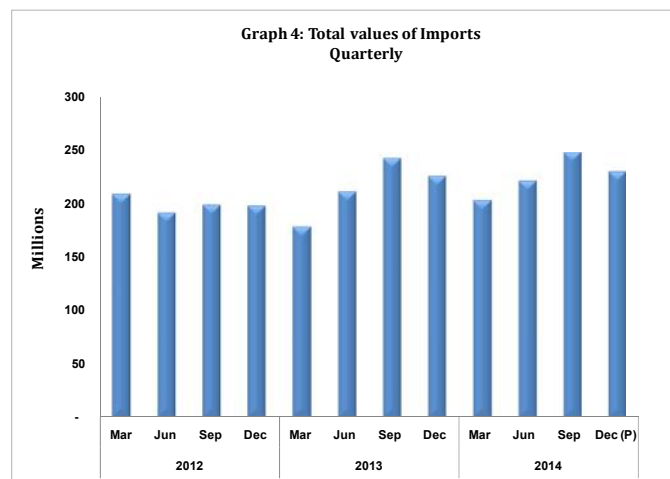
Exports to Singapore represented 1.1 percent of total value, decreasing 84.2 percent and 35 percent from the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively with petroleum products the main driver for the decrease while other countries of destination accounted for less than 1 percent each with a combined total of 2.5 percent. (See table 4 and graph 3)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Value of Imports

The total value of imports for the December 2014 quarter decreased 7.5 percent (\$18.5 million) when compared to the September 2014 quarter. The decrease was mainly due to lower values of machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof (down \$15.3 million). In comparison with the December 2013 quarter, the current value of imports increased 1.9 percent (\$4.2 million). (See table 1 and graph 4)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2014 showed an increase of 5.2 percent (\$44 million) in the total value of imports compared to the four quarters ending December 2013.

Composition of Imports

Mineral products maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported in the December 2014 quarter, despite the decrease in its value, contributing 23.1 percent (\$52.7 million) of total imports. This value was 5.3 percent lower than the September 2014 but 5.6 percent higher than the December 2013 quarter.

Imports of live animal, animal products and prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco imports accounted for 10.5 percent (\$23.9 million) each of total value. The current value of live animals, animal products was 1.0 percent and 3.5 percent lower than the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively while the current value of prepared foodstuff, beverages, spirits & tobacco was 4.1 percent and 6.5 percent lower than the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter in that order.

Imports of machinery and mechanical, electrical appliances and parts thereof accounted for 8.6 percent (\$19.7 million) of total value, decreasing 43.6 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 31.7 percent from the December 2013 quarter (\$9.2 million).

Base metals & articles thereof imports accounted for 7.8 percent (\$17.7 million) of total value, increasing 8.1 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 9.4 percent from the December 2013 quarter.

Chemicals & allied products imports accounted for 6.6 percent of total value (\$15.1 million), increasing 1.2 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 29.1 percent from the December 2013 quarter.

Imports of vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipments contributed 6.1 percent (\$13.9 million) of total value, decreasing 1.4 percent from the September 2014 quarter but rose 34.9 percent when compared with the December 2013 quarter.

Plastics, rubber & articles thereof imports accounted for 5.4 percent (\$12.3 million), increasing 5.4 percent from the September 2014 quarter but fell 3.4 percent when compared with the December 2013 quarter.

Imports of vegetable products accounted for 4.5 percent, decreasing 1.1 percent and 3.9 percent from the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively.

Imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles products accounted for 4.1 percent (\$9.5 million) of total value, increasing 13.4 percent and 74.4 percent from the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter in that order.

Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material imports accounted for 3.8 percent (\$8.6 million) of total value, decreasing 5.5 percent from the September 2014 quarter but 7.5 percent higher when compared with the December 2013 quarter. The remaining HS Sections accounted for less than 3 percent each with a combined total of 9.2 percent. (See table 5 and graph 5)

Imports by Broad Economic Categories

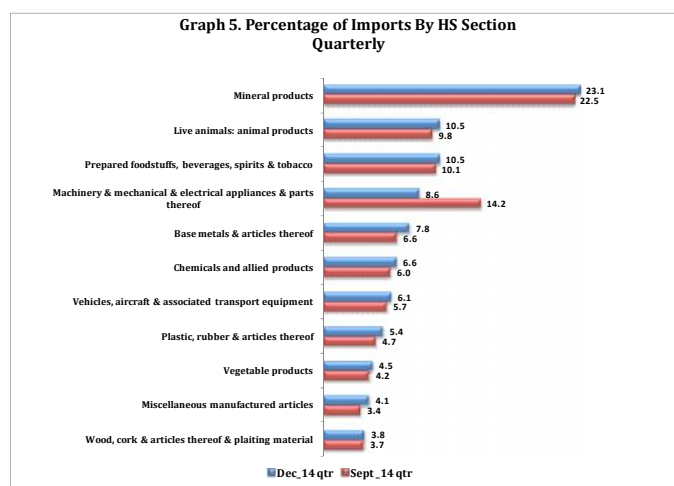
The values for the three main broad economic categories all decreased in the December 2014 quarter, compared with the September 2014 quarter.

Imports of capital goods contributed 8.7 percent (\$19.8 million) of total imports, decreasing 34.8 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 14.5 percent from the December 2013 quarter. At \$19.8 million, machinery and plant goods were valued at \$12.1 million, decreasing 45.4 percent from the September 2014 quarter while transport equipments were valued at \$7.7 million which decreased by 5.9 percent from the September 2014 quarter.

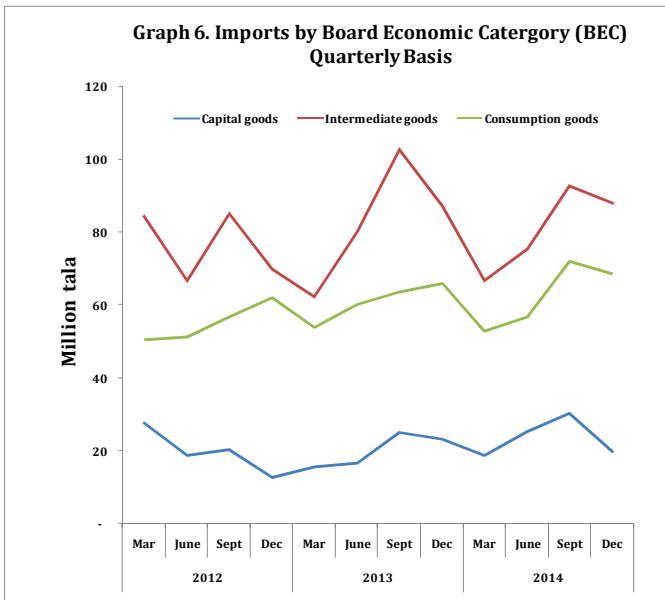
Imports of intermediate goods also decreased contributing 38.6 percent of total imports, mainly driven by lower values of parts and accessories of capital goods (down \$7.7 million). In comparison with the December 2013 quarter, the current value of intermediate goods decreased 1.0 percent.

Consumption goods imports recorded a total value of \$68.6 million, decreasing 4.7 percent from the September 2014 quarter but increased 4.1 percent when compared with the December 2013 quarter. The decrease was mainly due to lower values of food and beverages, primary, mainly for home consumption (down \$1.3 million).

In other categories of goods, passenger motor cars imports fell 12.9 percent (\$557 thousand) while petrol and avgas imports fell 1.0 percent (\$398 thousand) from the September 2014 quarter. (See table 6 and graph 6)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics



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Major Source Markets of Imports

By major source markets of imports, New Zealand became the leading source market of imports in the December 2014 quarter with its value decreasing to \$59.5 million (26.1 percent of all imports) from \$84.8 million in the September 2014 quarter. When compared to the December 2013 quarter, the current value decreased 17 percent.

Singapore followed with a total of \$50.1 million (21.9 percent of total imports). This value was 1.2 percent and 8.7 percent higher than the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively.

Imports from China had a total value of \$24.9 million (10.9 percent of total imports), increasing 23.8 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 22.6 percent from the December 2013 quarter.

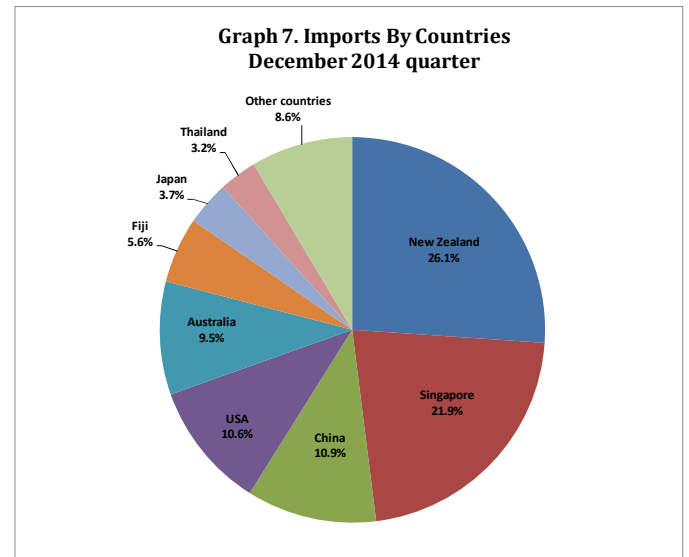
USA represented 10.6 percent (\$24.3 million) of total imports, increasing from 9.7 percent in the September but fell 15.4 percent when compared with the December 2013 quarter.

Australia contributed 9.5 percent (\$21.6 million) of total imports, decreasing 9.0 percent from the September but rose 43.1 percent when compared with the December 2013 quarter.

Fiji represented 5.6 percent of total value (\$12.7 million), decreasing 12.1 percent from the September 2014 but rose 21.0 percent when compared with the December 2013 quarter.

Japan contributed 3.7 percent (\$8.4 million) of total value, decreasing 28.2 percent and 1.6 percent in the September 2014 quarter and the December 2013 quarter respectively.

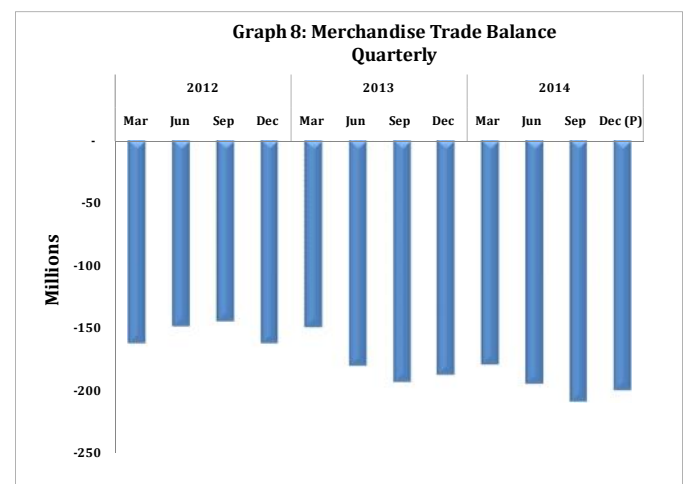
Thailand contributed 3.2 percent of total value (\$7.2 million), increasing 62.2 percent from the September 2014 quarter and 27.3 percent from the December 2013 quarter. Other countries accounted for less than 3 percent each with a combined total of 8.6 percent. (See table 7 graph 7).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Trade Balance

In the December 2014 quarter, the value of imports (\$228.4 million) exceeded that of exports (\$29.1 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$199.3 million. This value was 4.3 percent lower than the September 2014 quarter but 6.7 percent higher than the December 2013 quarter. (See table 1 and graph 8)



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) 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 next quarterly Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 3rd 2015.

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Table 1

Merchandise Trade Summary**Amount in thousand tala**

Period	EXPORTS (fob)			Imports (cif) (b)	Trade Balance (a-b)	
	Total (a)	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports			
2011	153,111	112,779	40,332	805,752	-652,641	
2012	176,428	122,729	53,699	791,974	-615,546	
2013	144,103	100,126	43,977	851,292	-707,189	
2014	117,400	74,372	43,028	895,326	-777,926	
Three months ended						
Mar 12	45,838	35,799	10,044	207,524	-161,685	
Jun 12	42,368	26,300	16,068	190,218	-147,850	
Sep 12	53,274	36,684	16,590	197,636	-144,362	
Dec 12	34,947	23,950	10,997	196,596	-161,649	
Mar 13	28,360	20,795	7,565	176,841	-148,482	
Jun 13	30,184	19,660	10,524	209,695	-179,511	
Sep 13	48,134	33,103	15,032	240,506	-192,372	
Dec 13	37,425	26,465	10,960	224,250	-186,825	
Mar 14	23,289	14,632	8,656	201,821	-178,532	
Jun 14	26,333	14,923	11,410	218,223	-191,890	
Sep 14	38,656	25,009	13,646	246,873	-208,217	
Dec 14 (P)	29,123	19,808	9,315	228,409	-199,286	
Monthly						
2013						
	January	9,281	6,301	2,980	81,351	-72,070
	February	7,750	5,439	2,311	46,591	-38,840
	March	11,328	9,054	2,274	48,899	-37,571
	April	7,668	4,139	3,529	91,595	-83,926
	May	9,809	6,659	3,151	53,890	-44,081
	June	12,706	8,863	3,844	64,210	-51,504
	July	13,126	9,729	3,398	77,643	-64,517
	August	24,016	15,314	8,702	76,223	-52,207
	September	10,992	8,060	2,932	86,640	-75,649
	October	14,867	10,692	4,175	68,614	-53,747
	November	12,535	8,881	3,654	95,702	-83,167
	December	10,023	6,996	3,027	59,934	-49,911
2014						
	January	5,419	2,492	2,927	75,214	-69,794
	February	7,475	4,206	3,269	76,368	-68,893
	March	10,394	7,934	2,460	50,239	-39,845
	April	9,975	6,229	3,746	79,223	-69,248
	May	7,969	4,251	3,717	69,952	-61,983
	June	8,389	4,443	3,946	69,048	-60,659
	July	12,955	8,869	4,086	88,435	-75,480
	August	12,732	7,798	4,934	93,123	-80,391
	September	12,968	8,343	4,626	65,314	-52,346
	October (P)	11,855	8,594	3,261	69,232	-57,378
	November (P)	6,473	3,768	2,705	75,000	-68,527
	December (P)	10,795	7,446	3,349	84,176	-73,381

a. Exports are valued fob (free on board – the value of goods at Samoa ports before export) and include re-exports.

b. Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)

All values are in Samoan tala.

(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

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Table 2.

Exports of main commodities⁽¹⁾Amount in thousand tala (SAT, 000)

Commodity	Annual			Quarterly				Quarterly				
	2012	2013	2014	2013				2014				
				March	June	Sept	Dec	March	June	Sept	Dec (p)	% of Total
Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft...	81,923	64,527	44,631	14,976	12,135	23,301	14,115	8,495	9,259	17,363	9,515	32.7
Petroleum oils other than crude oil ⁽²⁾	40,542	34,524	39,402	6,973	9,428	8,997	9,126	8,141	10,746	11,928	8,588	29.5
Fish	18,189	10,740	5,762	999	3,278	4,441	2,023	229	832	2,039	2,662	9.1
Coconut oil	7,800	1,414	3,457	502	590	251	71	624	581	859	1,393	4.8
Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	6,871	1,552	846	505	200	432	415	163	232	235	215	0.7
Fruit Juices	1,612	3,494	3,386	500	554	1,537	904	1,086	953	751	596	2.0
Beer	5,979	11,394	5,820	1,919	1,573	1,069	6,832	929	559	1,562	2,770	9.5
Coconut	813	1,762	1,046	382	5	571	804	162	178	565	141	0.5
Desiccated	541	26	10	11	1	6	9	10	-	-	-	-
Taro	861	1,427	2,475	302	272	397	455	301	203	585	1,385	4.8
Crisp savoury food products	325	231	108	70	47	83	30	0	24	25	58	0.2
Fresh (Drinking coconut)	219	182	718	41	22	57	62	183	195	198	143	0.5
Natural mineral	195	513	227	133	226	50	104	58	159	-	10	0.0
Others	10,558	12,318	9,512	1,047	1,853	6,943	2,476	2,908	2,414	2,544	1,646	5.7
Total	176,428	144,103	117,400	28,360	30,184	48,134	37,425	23,289	26,333	38,656	29,123	100.0

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Revised due to some commodities that were previously included in other categories and unreported tariffs when shifting to Asycuda world system in June 2014

Table 3.

Exports By HS Sections
Amount in thousand tala (000)

Section	Section description	Annual			Quarterly				Quarterly				% of Total
		2012	2013	2014	2013				2014				
					March	June	Sept	Dec	March	June	Sep	Dec (P)	
I	Animals and animal products	18,189	11,442	5,842	999	3,281	5,071	2,092	231	833	2,041	2,737	9.4
II	Vegetable products	2,511	3,836	4,357	747	308	1,385	1,396	683	627	1,361	1,686	5.8
III	Animal or vegetable fats	8,829	1,486	4,017	555	591	251	89	725	1,031	863	1,397	4.8
IV	Prepared foodstuff, beverages and tobacco	16,000	19,083	12,410	3,260	3,070	3,970	8,783	2,363	2,945	2,993	4,109	14.1
V	Mineral products	40,563	35,466	39,434	6,975	9,431	9,858	9,201	8,143	10,749	11,950	8,591	29.5
VI	Chemical products	397	906	130	10	14	775	109	9	74	12	36	0.1
VII	Plastics and rubber	193	454	153	41	221	103	88	44	1	10	98	0.3
VIII	Hides and skins	91	5	0	-	5	0	-	-	-	-	0	0.0
IX	Wood and wood products	66	112	179	17	14	62	18	85	45	19	31	0.1
X	Wood pulp products	13	368	49	1	4	326	36	20	6	7	15	0.1
XI	Textiles and textile articles	346	664	219	37	32	411	183	151	37	17	14	0.0
XII	Footwear, headgear, etc	459	491	430	6	302	108	76	7	125	252	46	0.2
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, glass, etc	12	17	1	1	6	6	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
XIV	Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones and metals	2,044	114	4	-	-	73	42	0	-	-	4	0.0
XV	Base metals and articles of base metal	2,164	1,749	1,135	333	238	572	606	353	154	220	407	1.4
XVI	Machinery, mechanical and electrical appliances	84,068	66,270	46,082	15,120	12,273	24,465	14,412	8,612	9,329	18,531	9,609	33.0
XVII	Transportation equipment	418	985	1,904	235	222	351	177	1,800	9	13	83	0.3
XVIII	Instruments - measuring, musical	20	458	652	7	120	281	49	12	357	94	189	0.6
XIX	Arms and ammunition	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	29	172	298	2	52	61	57	5	2	263	28	0.1
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	0.0
XXII	Others	13	27	103	14	1	5	7	45	8	9	42	0.1
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Table 4.

TOTAL EXPORTS BY MAJOR PARTNER COUNTRIES**Amount in thousand (SAT 000) fob**

Country of Destination	Annual		Quarterly				Quarterly				% of Total
			2013				2014				
	2013	2014	March	June	Sept	Dec	March	June	Sept	Dec	
Australia	81,995	67,926	18,472	15,945	28,651	18,927	12,965	14,739	24,583	15,640	53.7
New Zealand	19,800	22,508	2,902	5,433	6,883	4,582	2,696	6,382	7,326	6,104	21.0
United States of America	4,177	4,441	478	1,530	1,381	788	1,907	1,440	624	470	1.6
American Samoa	13,051	7,387	2,361	2,772	2,173	5,745	997	1,166	1,558	3,666	12.6
Singapore	2,871	4,097	570	1,038	786	477	942	873	1,971	310	1.1
Tokelau	10,377	3,123	781	862	5,211	3,524	765	739	656	964	3.3
Fiji	3,497	3,551	448	812	999	1,237	573	667	1,061	1,249	4.3
Tonga	190	126	67	54	37	33		96	2	28	0.1
Japan	717	325	179	94	235	209	101	55	98	70	0.2
French Polynesia	368	268	0	58	64	245	46	103	44	75	0.3
New Caledonia	151	9		58	-	93	3	2	2	2	0.0
United Kingdom	1,355	268	130	1,023	147	56	142	-	125		0.0
Other countries	5,555	3,373	1,971	506	1,567	1,511	2,150	70	606	547	1.9
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Table 5

IMPORTS BY HS SECTIONS

Amount in thousand tala

HS Sections	Annual			Quarterly				Quarterly				% of Total
	2012	2013	2014	2013				2014				
				March	June	Sept	Dec	March	June	Sept	Dec	
I Live animals: animal products	85,477	89,406	87,522	17,508	23,307	23,790	24,801	17,980	21,415	24,188	23,938	10.5
II Vegetable products	37,772	43,266	36,897	10,036	10,630	12,016	10,585	7,302	9,135	10,287	10,173	4.5
III Animal or vegetable oils & fats	6,748	6,048	6,592	1,208	1,545	1,234	2,061	1,781	1,416	1,667	1,728	0.8
IV Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	87,022	94,163	86,967	20,033	23,338	25,188	25,604	18,873	19,183	24,971	23,940	10.5
V Mineral products	194,931	203,589	233,158	46,858	54,841	51,984	49,906	66,769	58,075	55,633	52,681	23.1
VI Chemicals and allied products	43,372	46,152	53,754	10,425	11,571	12,471	11,685	11,336	12,413	14,916	15,090	6.6
VII Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	36,085	44,338	44,800	6,333	8,704	16,540	12,762	9,949	10,805	11,724	12,322	5.4
VIII Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	420	498	862	77	126	165	130	145	114	350	252	0.1
IX Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting materials	28,434	33,232	30,635	6,760	7,856	10,644	7,972	5,881	7,120	9,067	8,567	3.8
X Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	24,169	20,271	17,501	6,578	4,935	4,072	4,686	4,510	3,496	4,528	4,967	2.2
XI Textiles & textile articles	14,592	17,002	20,567	3,958	3,187	5,544	4,314	4,388	3,759	6,219	6,201	2.7
XII Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	2,333	3,303	3,178	788	777	926	813	554	489	1,101	1,035	0.5
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramics	17,186	16,362	15,497	2,450	4,217	4,870	4,825	3,328	2,428	4,603	5,138	2.2
XIV Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	2,420	522	1,841	18	282	118	103	41	1,514	117	168	0.1
XV Base metals & articles thereof	54,690	65,465	63,211	11,853	13,248	24,162	16,202	14,106	14,997	16,390	17,718	7.8
XVI Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances	99,888	97,728	100,300	19,167	20,583	29,115	28,863	20,322	25,316	34,958	19,705	8.6
XVII Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	32,999	37,995	49,648	7,476	10,495	9,685	10,338	7,646	13,914	14,144	13,944	6.1
XVIII Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods	9,875	12,074	9,792	990	5,699	2,306	3,080	2,260	2,582	3,628	1,323	0.6
XIX Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	114	184	109	14	1	92	77	29	31	22	27	0.0
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13,391	19,534	32,400	4,273	4,252	5,583	5,426	4,601	9,989	8,347	9,463	4.1
XXI Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques	6	160	17	41	100	2	17	6	6	3	3	0.0
XXII Others	49	0	78	-	-	-	-	15	27	10	27	0.0
Total	791,974	851,292	895,326	176,841	209,695	240,506	224,250	201,821	218,223	246,873	228,409	100

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Table 6.

Imports by Board Economic Category (BEC)

Amount in thousand tala

Category	Capital goods			Intermediate goods			Consumption goods	Other categories			
	Machinery and plant	Transport equipment	Total	Crude oil	Other	Total		Passenger motor cars	Petrol and avgas	Military and other goods	All merchandise imports
BEC codes	41	521	41, 521	313	111, 121 2, 311, 312, 314, 322, 42, 53	111, 121 2, 31, 322, 42, 53	112, 122, 522, 526	51	321	7	1-7
Period											
2010	68,913	60,436	129,349	-	298,864	298,864	202,808	21,252	133,422	668	786,362
2011	106,171	24,579	130,750	-	279,530	279,530	213,131	13,589	164,886	3,866	805,752
2012	62,983	16,641	79,624	-	305,818	305,818	220,228	10,187	173,970	2,147	791,974
2013	62,839	17,656	80,495	-	332,487	332,487	243,193	14,712	180,045	359	850,933
2014	69,510	24,640	94,150	-	322,891	322,891	250,220	18,974	207,558	1,533	895,326
2013											
Mar	11,741	3,811	15,552	-	62,197	62,197	53,787	2,595	42,701	8	176,833
June	11,589	5,060	16,649	-	80,184	80,184	60,032	3,985	48,615	230	209,465
Sept	21,151	3,989	25,139	-	102,801	102,801	63,537	3,879	45,048	101	240,405
Dec	18,358	4,796	23,154	-	87,305	87,305	65,838	4,253	43,680	20	224,230
2014											
Mar	15,356	3,298	18,654	-	66,623	66,623	52,922	2,817	60,801	3	201,821
June	19,835	5,492	25,328	-	75,378	75,378	56,839	6,970	52,217	1,491	218,223
Sept	22,200	8,167	30,366	-	92,810	92,810	71,902	4,315	47,469	10	246,873
Dec	12,119	7,682	19,801	-	88,080	88,080	68,557	4,872	47,071	28	228,409
Monthly											
2013											
January	5,668	2,056	7,724	-	22,888	22,888	21,052	1,166	28,521	-	81,351
February	2,721	628	3,349	-	23,117	23,117	19,320	627	177	-	46,591
March	3,353	1,127	4,479	-	16,192	16,192	13,414	802	14,003	8	48,891
April	3,941	1,220	5,162	-	35,121	35,121	25,762	1,499	23,822	229	91,365
May	3,927	1,847	5,773	-	19,230	19,230	14,414	1,596	12,877	-	53,890
June	3,721	1,993	5,714	-	25,833	25,833	19,856	890	11,916	0	64,209
July	7,354	1,988	9,342	-	30,887	30,887	21,573	1,376	14,465	-	77,643
August	7,461	1,066	8,527	-	28,908	28,908	21,794	1,210	15,708	75	76,148
September	6,336	935	7,270	-	43,006	43,006	20,170	1,293	14,875	26	86,614
October	6,567	1,927	8,494	-	24,112	24,112	19,994	915	15,080	19	68,595
November	6,492	1,114	7,606	-	35,033	35,033	23,412	1,304	28,347	1	95,701
December	5,299	1,754	7,054	-	28,160	28,160	22,432	2,034	253	1	59,933
2014											
January	4,535	697	5,232	-	24,411	24,411	20,277	757	24,535	2	75,214
February	4,381	1,697	6,078	-	19,089	19,089	14,359	803	36,038	1	76,368
March	6,440	904	7,344	-	23,123	23,123	18,286	1,257	229	0	50,239
April	11,400	3,534	14,935	-	21,545	21,545	20,874	4,134	17,728	7	79,223
May	4,830	1,052	5,882	-	26,085	26,085	17,290	1,702	17,520	1,473	69,952
June	3,605	906	4,511	-	27,748	27,748	18,675	1,134	16,968	11	69,048
July	9,833	4,824	14,658	-	31,403	31,403	20,284	1,076	21,010	5	88,435
August	7,519	2,487	10,006	-	34,514	34,514	29,794	1,805	16,999	6	93,123
September	4,847	856	5,703	-	26,892	26,892	21,824	1,435	9,460	-	65,314
October (P)	3,996	1,721	5,717	-	27,621	27,621	19,436	1,892	14,565	2	69,232
November (P)	3,154	2,838	5,992	-	27,455	27,455	22,469	1,085	17,973	25	75,000
December (P)	4,969	3,123	8,093	-	33,004	33,004	26,652	1,894	14,533	1	84,176

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Table 7

TOTAL IMPORTS BY MAJOR PARTNER COUNTRIES

Amount in thousand (SAT 000) cif

Country of Export	Annual		Quarterly				Quarterly				% of Total
			2013				2014				
	2013	2014	March	June	Sept	Dec	March	June	Sept	Dec	
Singapore	193,942	218,448	45,926	51,972	49,998	46,047	64,298	54,597	49,485	50,069	21.9
New Zealand	254,361	250,392	57,489	61,496	63,683	71,693	51,856	54,186	84,841	59,509	26.1
China, Peoples Republic of	69,325	93,819	12,815	14,312	21,863	20,335	14,596	34,164	20,130	24,928	10.9
United States of America	105,248	90,139	19,472	24,877	32,217	28,682	20,986	22,784	22,112	24,257	10.6
Australia	61,611	79,086	13,785	14,837	17,863	15,125	16,970	16,677	23,793	21,646	9.5
Fiji	48,843	48,140	10,447	13,247	14,663	10,486	9,553	11,478	14,426	12,683	5.6
Japan	31,275	32,724	3,991	4,770	13,947	8,567	5,056	7,497	11,741	8,430	3.7
Thailand	19,974	20,249	3,307	4,471	6,518	5,679	4,719	3,849	4,454	7,227	3.2
Malaysia	13,274	9,993	1,576	3,541	3,611	4,545	2,367	2,991	1,490	3,146	1.4
Indonesia	13,420	13,445	1,740	3,618	4,582	3,480	3,389	2,617	3,271	4,168	1.8
Hong Kong	14,711	12,474	2,248	6,147	3,331	2,984	2,617	2,130	2,517	5,210	2.3
Korea Democratic People's	1,713	2,505	227	650	440	395	435	1,044	170	856	0.4
Viet Nam	1,774	2,222	239	622	419	494	437	582	0	1,203	0.5
Papua New Guinea	2,395	1,362	270	400	894	830	297	474	408	183	0.1
India	3,364	2,975	382	775	526	1,682	808	435	784	949	0.4
Taiwan, Province of China	2,258	2,567	381	606	603	668	544	332	330	1,361	0.6
Korea Republic of	2,289	1,845	398	411	1,149	331	693	364	251	537	0.2
Tonga	954	1,143	121	263	355	215	156	233	312	441	0.2
Philippines	2,404	848	708	888	523	285	460	50	307	32	0.0
Other countries	8,158	10,949	1,319	1,791	3,323	1,725	1,585	1,739	6,050	1,575	0.7
Total Imports	851,292	895,326	176,841	209,695	240,506	224,250	201,821	218,223	246,873	228,409	100.0

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