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Merchandise Trade April 2015

Highlights of the month

Exports

- ✚ Exports¹ were valued at \$10.5 million, increasing by 9.5 percent from March 2015.
- ✚ Machinery and Transport equipment exports maintained the largest share of all commodity groups exported with its value increasing to \$5 million (47.5 percent of total exports) from March 2015.
- ✚ Exports to Australia rose 22.4 percent to \$6.6 million from March 2015, reflecting higher values of ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft exports.

Imports

- ✚ Imports were valued at \$62.4 million, decreasing by 12.3 percent (\$8.7 million) from March 2015.
- ✚ Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials imports recorded the largest decrease (down \$6.7 million) from March 2015.
- ✚ Food and Live animals imports maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported during the month under review, representing 31.5 percent of total imports.
- ✚ Imports from New Zealand fell 26.2 percent to \$17.8 million and Australia fell 17.5 percent to \$6.5 million while imports from USA rose 66.4 percent to \$8.7 million and Singapore rose 29.6 percent to \$12.4 million from March 2015.

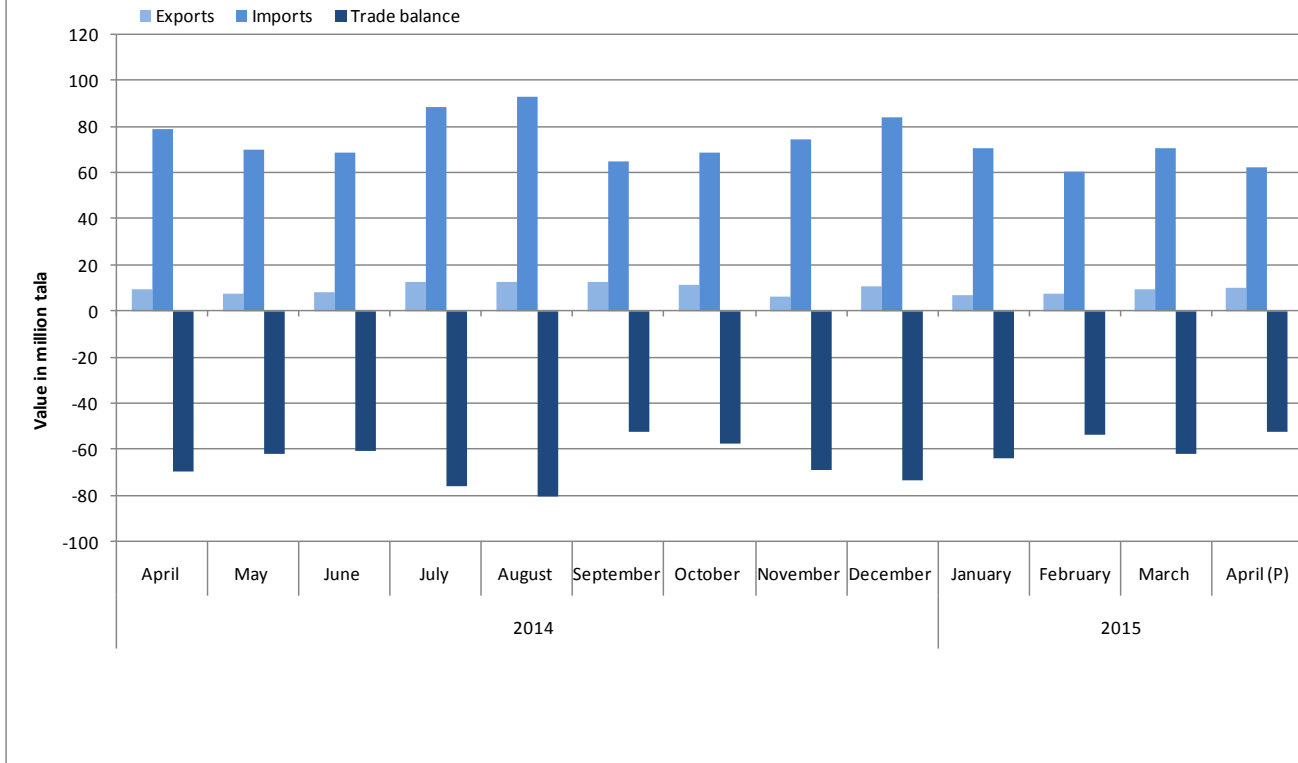
Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$62.5 million) exceeded that of exports (\$10.5 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$51.9 million.

¹ Includes re-exports commodities

Merchandise trade values

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) 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 May Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on July 31st 2015.


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Table 1

Merchandise Trade SummaryAmount 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					
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	26,569	10,856	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	29,123	19,808	9,315	228,409	-199,286
Mar 15 (P)	24,003	15,442	8,562	202,664	-178,660
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	11,855	8,594	3,261	69,232	-57,378
November	6,473	3,768	2,705	75,000	-68,527
December	10,795	7,446	3,349	84,176	-73,381
2015					
January	6,858	3,642	3,216	70,658	-63,801
February	7,532	4,478	3,054	60,788	-53,256
March	9,614	7,322	2,292	71,217	-61,603
April (P)	10,530	8,377	2,153	62,472	-51,942

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

Notes: HS – Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.)

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Table 2: Exports (value) by major items, SITC

Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Bev-erages & Tobacco	Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	Mineral fuels, Lubri-cants & Related Materials *	Animal & Vege- table Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemi-cals & Related Products	Manu- factured Goods Classified Chiefly - By Material	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Miscell-aneous Manu-factured Goods & Articles	Commo- dities & Tran- sactions-Not Classified- Elsewhere-In The SITC	
2011	153,111	25,570	5,676	1,288	27,441	8,435	359	3,621	78,394	2,329	-	
2012	176,428	23,363	13,331	936	40,558	8,829	397	1,493	84,483	992	2,044	
2013	144,103	20,452	13,907	1,630	35,090	1,482	933	1,593	66,423	2,593	-	
2014	117,400	14,933	7,681	1,022	39,417	4,012	145	498	47,979	1,714	-	
2013	Qtr 1	28,360	2,377	2,627	294	6,975	555	18	86	15,355	72	-
	Qtr 2	30,184	4,577	2,078	223	9,431	590	58	55	12,495	677	-
	Qtr 3	48,134	8,829	1,595	688	9,555	251	748	994	23,984	1,490	-
	Qtr 4	37,425	4,668	7,606	425	9,130	85	109	458	14,588	355	-
2014	Qtr 1	23,289	2,069	1,208	399	8,143	725	25	137	10,404	179	-
	Qtr 2	26,333	2,901	1,506	146	10,749	1,030	73	55	9,338	535	-
	Qtr 3	38,656	4,528	1,869	196	11,934	860	12	78	18,546	633	-
	Qtr 4	29,123	5,435	3,097	281	8,591	1,397	35	228	9,692	367	-
2015	Qtr 1	24,003	4,202	1,492	140	7,696	1,095	44	135	9,034	165	-
2013	January	9,281	1,481	518	106	2,796	134	2	10	4,223	11	-
	February	7,750	427	65	66	2,051	409	1	28	4,657	47	-
	March	11,328	470	2,044	121	2,129	13	15	48	6,475	14	-
	April	7,668	1,246	948	64	3,116	435	10	21	1,783	45	-
	May	9,809	2,058	694	37	2,584	155	45	15	3,701	521	-
	June	12,706	1,273	436	122	3,730	-	4	19	7,011	111	-
	July	13,126	2,728	352	125	3,133	34	10	35	6,684	26	-
	August	24,016	4,754	886	491	3,525	216	735	952	11,081	1,375	-
	September	10,992	1,347	358	72	2,897	1	2	8	6,219	89	-
	October	14,867	1,904	336	84	3,909	12	8	21	8,577	15	-
	November	12,535	1,684	3,345	305	2,325	66	99	414	3,973	325	-
	December	10,023	1,080	3,926	36	2,896	7	2	23	2,038	16	-
2014	January	5,419	600	283	37	2,731	2	1	48	1,690	28	-
	February	7,475	670	477	178	3,103	116	3	35	2,875	17	-
	March	10,394	799	448	184	2,309	607	21	54	5,839	133	-
	April	9,975	968	340	12	3,651	449	1	15	4,495	43	-
	May	7,969	989	542	102	3,534	258	70	8	2,336	129	-
	June	8,389	944	624	31	3,563	323	3	32	2,507	363	-
	July	12,955	1,511	369	131	3,569	373	0	40	6,696	266	-
	August	12,732	1,947	520	20	4,872	2	6	9	5,331	26	-
	September	12,968	1,070	980	46	3,493	484	6	28	6,519	342	-
	October	11,855	2,151	630	103	3,024	499	13	56	5,228	152	-
	November	6,473	1,378	1,670	119	2,454	385	7	68	263	129	-
	December	10,795	1,906	797	59	3,113	513	15	104	4,201	86	-
2015	January	6,858	961	193	53	3,016	295	1	3	2,222	114	-
	February	7,532	1,619	245	45	2,818	369	18	91	2,309	18	-
	March	9,614	1,623	1,054	42	1,863	431	25	42	4,503	33	-
	April (P)	10,530	1,960	626	98	1,944	530	30	202	5,003	136	-

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

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Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

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Note: * Include re-exports of fuel for Airlines and Shipping vessels

Re-exports of fuel for Airlines and shipping vessels has only become available from January 2010

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Table 3: Exports (value) by major countries of Destination

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Destination	Annual			Quarter					Month												
				2014				2015	2014								2015				
	2012	2013	2014	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr (P)
New Zealand	19,779	19,800	22,418	2,696	6,382	7,326	6,015	4,328	1,840	2,101	2,442	2,633	2,286	2,406	2,200	1,483	2,333	1,423	1,312	1,593	1,220
Australia	95,089	81,995	67,965	12,965	14,739	24,583	15,679	13,489	6,510	4,008	4,221	8,590	7,660	8,332	7,544	1,827	6,308	3,893	4,208	5,388	6,594
American Samoa	10,680	13,051	7,348	997	1,166	1,558	3,627	2,335	348	457	361	486	702	371	735	1,986	906	296	505	1,534	1,294
Fiji	1,291	3,497	3,551	573	667	1,061	1,249	1,011	200	209	258	288	314	459	273	460	515	392	372	247	148
Tokelau	4,662	10,377	3,123	765	739	656	964	859	249	111	380	117	220	319	273	315	375	251	280	329	299
New Caledonia	235	151	9	3	2	2	2	0	2	-	0	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Tonga	21	190	126	0	96	2	28	0	6	8	83	0	1	1	-	-	28	0	-	-	0
French Polynesia	2,982	368	268	46	103	44	75	37	-	52	52	-	-	44	-	24	50	37	-	-	-
Japan	2,150	717	325	101	55	98	70	0	-	55	-	0	98	-	6	64	-	-	-	-	386
Singapore	1,127	2,871	4,097	942	873	1,971	310	612	228	336	310	427	1,028	517	229	75	5	280	280	53	97
United Kingdom	236	1,355	268	142	0	125	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	5,058	4,177	4,441	1,907	1,440	624	470	490	566	590	284	222	141	261	304	16	150	107	225	158	218
Other countries	33,117	5,555	3,462	2,150	70	606	636	842	27	42	-	192	280	133	290	223	123	179	350	312	274
Total Exports	176,428	144,103	117,400	23,289	26,333	38,656	29,123	24,003	9,975	7,969	8,389	12,955	12,732	12,968	11,855	6,473	10,795	6,858	7,532	9,614	10,530

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Table 4: Imports (value) by major items, SITC
Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Beverages & Tobacco	Crude Mate- rials, In-edible, Except Fuels	Mineral fuels, Lub- ricants & Related Materials	Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manu-factured Goods Classified Chiefly By Material	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Miscellaneous Manu-factured Goods & Articles	Commo-dities & Trans-actions	
											Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	
2011	805,752	193,692	9,965	23,472	170,299	5,340	46,862	122,752	173,195	56,360	3,814	
2012	791,974	202,861	10,161	23,921	179,846	3,424	48,500	123,731	132,606	64,793	2,130	
2013	851,292	218,037	10,596	29,164	187,139	3,497	54,434	136,336	136,354	75,452	283	
2014	895,326	204,677	8,107	25,342	216,582	4,496	62,018	131,927	150,072	90,601	1,503	
2013	Qtr 1	176,841	46,635	1,418	5,361	44,357	584	11,446	26,588	26,529	13,923	-
	Qtr 2	209,695	55,110	2,714	10,165	50,083	858	13,699	28,244	31,176	17,417	229
	Qtr 3	240,506	58,262	3,339	7,096	47,011	503	15,050	46,088	38,962	24,141	54
	Qtr 4	224,250	58,030	3,125	6,543	45,687	1,552	14,239	35,415	39,687	19,972	-
2014	Qtr 1	201,821	42,674	1,729	4,425	62,925	1,350	13,203	29,219	28,224	18,070	2
	Qtr 2	218,223	48,844	1,232	6,334	54,311	849	14,380	29,197	39,772	21,834	1,471
	Qtr 3	246,873	56,940	3,014	7,714	50,272	1,004	16,909	36,196	48,366	26,448	10
	Qtr 4	228,409	56,219	2,132	6,870	49,074	1,293	17,526	37,315	33,711	24,249	21
2015	Qtr 1	202,664	46,215	1,970	4,067	20,976	2,294	18,112	39,530	42,857	26,642	-
2013	January	81,351	16,617	540	2,268	29,234	405	4,719	10,839	11,344	5,385	-
	February	46,591	17,839	414	1,590	460	119	3,897	10,698	6,766	4,807	-
	March	48,899	12,179	465	1,502	14,664	60	2,830	5,050	8,419	3,731	-
	April	91,595	22,670	1,015	5,231	24,444	687	5,661	12,072	13,595	5,991	229
	May	53,890	14,409	749	1,339	13,113	132	3,575	7,814	8,438	4,322	-
	June	64,210	18,031	950	3,595	12,526	39	4,463	8,358	9,144	7,104	-
	July	77,643	19,409	1,815	2,231	15,470	159	4,427	13,315	14,894	5,923	-
	August	76,223	19,376	748	2,140	16,073	153	4,794	14,012	12,279	6,595	54
	September	86,640	19,477	776	2,725	15,469	192	5,828	18,761	11,789	11,623	-
	October	68,614	16,278	1,647	1,929	15,704	470	4,150	11,052	12,152	5,231	-
	November	95,702	21,759	753	2,437	28,863	263	5,384	10,084	17,011	9,148	-
	December	59,934	19,993	726	2,177	1,120	818	4,705	14,279	10,524	5,592	-
2014	January	75,214	16,178	938	1,127	25,347	477	5,155	10,085	8,163	7,742	2
	February	76,368	11,373	334	1,474	36,639	31	3,559	10,379	8,761	3,817	-
	March	50,239	15,123	457	1,823	938	842	4,489	8,755	11,300	6,511	-
	April	79,223	17,333	607	1,730	18,582	433	3,940	8,022	18,436	10,140	1
	May	69,952	15,016	275	2,629	17,962	208	5,254	10,622	9,852	6,664	1,469
	June	69,048	16,494	349	1,975	17,768	208	5,186	10,553	11,485	5,030	1
	July	88,435	16,259	766	2,917	21,952	255	4,637	11,565	22,848	7,234	2
	August	93,123	23,608	1,593	2,043	17,638	621	6,761	12,766	15,952	12,133	7
	September	65,314	17,074	654	2,753	10,682	128	5,510	11,866	9,565	7,081	1
	October	69,232	16,743	551	2,087	15,211	422	4,951	12,096	9,814	7,341	16
	November	75,000	18,832	635	2,101	19,038	369	6,713	10,747	9,773	6,788	4
	December	84,176	20,645	946	2,681	14,824	502	5,862	14,472	14,125	10,119	1
2015	January	70,658	14,144	304	2,630	13,962	612	3,742	9,293	20,207	5,765	-
	February	60,788	15,827	1,084	373	474	319	7,881	15,372	9,956	9,502	-
	March	71,217	16,244	583	1,063	6,540	1,364	6,488	14,865	12,694	11,376	-
	April (P)	62,472	19,668	781	1,108	12,369	285	5,161	8,159	7,830	7,110	-

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Data source: Samoa Customs Service

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Table 5: Imports (value) by major countries of Exports

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Export	Annual			Quarter				Month															
				2014				2015	2014								2015						
	2012	2013	2014	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr (P)		
New Zealand	215,244	254,361	250,392	51,856	54,186	84,841	59,509	62,560	17,513	20,733	15,940	33,207	28,802	22,832	18,224	18,093	23,191	20,092	18,391	24,077	17,778		
Australia	72,758	61,611	79,086	16,970	16,677	23,793	21,646	20,810	4,427	6,381	5,868	6,641	10,551	6,601	6,367	7,926	7,354	8,033	4,884	7,894	6,509		
Fiji	45,390	48,843	48,140	9,553	11,478	14,426	12,683	10,859	3,781	3,802	3,895	4,244	5,458	4,724	3,423	4,580	4,680	2,988	3,558	4,313	3,930		
United States of America	100,779	105,248	90,139	20,986	22,784	22,112	24,257	15,514	8,370	6,569	7,845	4,991	9,055	8,066	9,032	8,040	7,185	4,021	6,244	5,249	8,734		
China, Peoples Republic of	62,549	69,325	93,819	14,596	34,164	20,130	24,928	32,046	19,225	5,354	9,585	4,912	9,612	5,606	6,286	6,587	12,055	6,083	18,192	7,771	6,294		
Hong Kong	11,567	14,711	12,474	2,617	2,130	2,517	5,210	2,363	811	684	636	550	1,118	849	1,429	1,107	2,674	701	709	953	654		
Indonesia	17,707	13,420	13,445	3,389	2,617	3,271	4,168	4,123	925	702	990	751	1,290	1,231	968	1,939	1,260	244	2,112	1,767	1,352		
Japan	32,240	31,275	32,724	5,056	7,497	11,741	8,430	8,856	2,803	3,091	1,603	4,607	4,882	2,252	3,355	2,162	2,913	2,191	1,969	4,697	2,352		
Malaysia	7,663	13,274	9,993	2,367	2,991	1,490	3,146	11,219	1,105	662	1,224	179	853	457	302	1,330	1,514	9,435	652	1,132	355		
Philippines	1,616	2,404	848	460	50	307	32	293	0	50	0	83	65	159	32	-	-	242	50	0	64		
Singapore	182,250	193,942	218,448	64,298	54,597	49,485	50,069	24,593	17,852	18,601	18,144	21,661	18,093	9,731	15,862	18,577	15,631	14,452	581	9,560	12,388		
Thailand	11,701	19,974	20,249	4,719	3,849	4,454	7,227	4,929	1,039	1,363	1,447	1,041	1,455	1,957	1,966	2,637	2,624	1,437	1,749	1,743	410		
India	1,065	3,364	2,975	808	435	784	949	400	267	89	78	135	261	387	304	186	459	9	86	306	57		
Korea Democratic People's	825	1,713	2,505	435	1,044	170	856	689	300	283	460	86	48	37	91	225	541	238	284	168	40		
Korea Republic of	1,919	2,289	1,845	693	364	251	537	268	87	227	50	88	90	73	3	333	200	54	60	154	98		
Papua New Guinea	2,136	2,395	1,362	297	474	408	183	208	220	126	128	228	180	0	81	71	31	2	107	99	100		
Tonga	528	954	1,143	156	233	312	441	169	103	42	88	155	57	100	216	132	93	66	22	80	3		
Taiwan, Province of China	2,062	2,258	2,567	544	332	330	1,361	368	0	165	167	-	304	27	491	217	653	234	133	0	617		
Viet Nam	3,018	1,774	2,222	437	582	0	1,203	248	94	272	216	0	0	-	317	506	380	-	-	248	-		
Other countries	18,955	8,158	10,948	1,585	1,739	6,050	1,575	2,150	299	755	684	4,876	950	225	484	354	737	137	1,005	1,008	736		
Total Imports	791,974	851,292	895,326	201,821	218,223	246,873	228,409	202,664	79,223	69,952	69,048	88,435	93,123	65,314	69,232	75,000	84,176	70,658	60,788	71,217	62,472		

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

HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.)

Note: Totals may be slightly different due to roundings.