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Merchandise Trade August 2015

Highlights of the month

Exports

- ✚ Exports¹ were valued at \$13.7 million, decreasing 16.7 percent (\$2.7 million) from July 2015
- ✚ Exports of Food & Live animal products was the main contributor to the overall decrease of 16.7 percent, reflecting lower values of fish exports (down \$1.9 million).
- ✚ Exports to American Samoa fell \$1.4 million and to USA fell \$1.1 million from July 2015

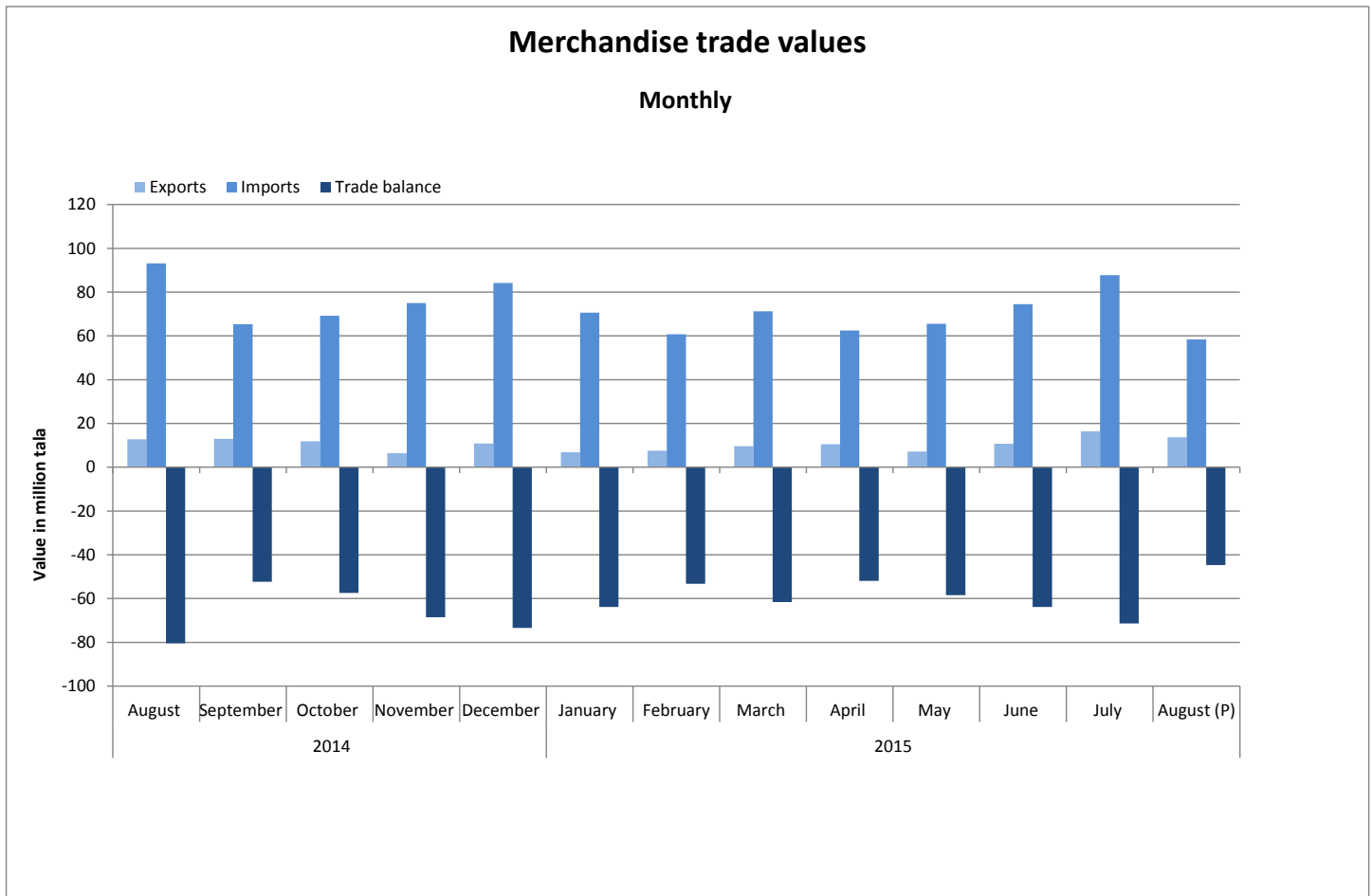
Imports

- ✚ Imports were valued at \$58.3 million, decreasing 33.5 percent (\$29.4 million) from July 2015.
- ✚ Food & Live animals, Machinery & Transport Equipment and Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles imports were the main contributors to the overall decrease of 33.5 percent in total imports in August 2015.
- ✚ Food and Live animals imports maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported during August 2015, representing 23 percent of total imports.
- ✚ Imports from Australia fell \$6.1 million and New Zealand fell \$5.4 million from July 2015

Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$58.4 million) exceeded that of exports (\$13.7 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$44.7 million.

¹ Includes re-exports commodities



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 September Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on November 12th 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 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	24,003	15,442	8,562	202,664	-178,660	
Jun 15 (P)	28,393	19,639	8,754	202,557	-174,164	
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	10,530	8,377	2,153	62,472	-51,942
	May	7,157	3,976	3,181	65,575	-58,418
	June	10,706	7,286	3,421	74,510	-63,803
	July	16,417	12,716	3,701	87,728	-71,312
	August (P)	13,677	9,072	4,606	58,382	-44,704

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)

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(P) : Provisional figures

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Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

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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	-	
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	-
Qtr 2	28,393	9,155	1,316	349	7,888	1,091	97	286	7,948	264	-	
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	10,530	1,960	626	98	1,944	530	30	202	5,003	136	-	
May	7,157	2,869	507	122	2,907	455	0	27	146	123	-	
June	10,706	4,325	183	129	3,037	105	67	58	2,799	5	-	
July	16,417	7,910	751	279	3,377	586	23	71	3,388	31	-	
August (P)	13,677	5,395	316	543	4,046	0	6	33	2,952	386	-	

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SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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

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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	Jun (P)	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug (P)
New Zealand	19,779	19,800	22,418	2,696	6,382	7,326	6,015	4,328	4,621	2,286	2,406	2,200	1,483	2,333	1,423	1,312	1,593	1,220	1,692	1,710	1,753	1,874
Australia	95,089	81,995	67,965	12,965	14,739	24,583	15,679	13,489	12,410	7,660	8,332	7,544	1,827	6,308	3,893	4,208	5,388	6,594	1,770	4,045	5,275	5,123
American Samoa	10,680	13,051	7,348	997	1,166	1,558	3,627	2,335	5,325	702	371	735	1,986	906	296	505	1,534	1,294	1,538	2,493	4,506	3,108
Fiji	1,291	3,497	3,551	573	667	1,061	1,249	1,011	698	314	459	273	460	515	392	372	247	148	279	271	492	365
Tokelau	4,662	10,377	3,123	765	739	656	964	859	1,177	220	319	273	315	375	251	280	329	299	301	577	139	267
New Caledonia	235	151	9	3	2	2	2	0	6	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	2
Tonga	21	190	126	0	96	2	28	0	0	1	1	-	-	28	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	1
French Polynesia	2,982	368	268	46	103	44	75	37	9	-	44	-	24	50	37	-	-	-	9	-	-	0
Japan	2,150	717	325	101	55	98	70	0	1,318	98	-	6	64	-	-	-	-	386	592	340	632	192
Singapore	1,127	2,871	4,097	942	873	1,971	310	612	313	1,028	517	229	75	5	280	280	53	97	120	96	241	204
United Kingdom	236	1,355	268	142	0	125	0	0	0	-	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	149	0
United States of America	5,058	4,177	4,441	1,907	1,440	624	470	490	886	141	261	304	16	150	107	225	158	218	235	433	1,747	611
Other countries	33,117	5,555	3,462	2,150	70	606	636	842	1,629	280	133	290	223	123	179	350	312	274	618	737	1,482	1,932
Total Exports	176,428	144,103	117,400	23,289	26,333	38,656	29,123	24,003	28,393	12,732	12,968	11,855	6,473	10,795	6,858	7,532	9,614	10,530	7,157	10,706	16,417	13,677

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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	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Misce-laneous	Commo-dities &	
								Goods Classified Chiefly By Material		Manu-factured Goods & Articles	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	-
	Qtr 2	202,557	56,487	3,209	3,342	35,336	1,107	15,492	37,105	29,393	21,042	44
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	1,177	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	62,472	19,668	781	1,108	12,369	285	5,161	8,159	7,830	7,110	-
	May	65,575	18,299	1,274	1,041	11,515	762	4,992	9,426	10,682	7,579	8
	June	74,510	18,521	1,154	1,194	11,452	60	5,339	19,520	10,881	6,353	37
	July	87,728	19,827	1,000	2,812	13,569	493	7,088	12,811	19,384	10,745	-
	August (P)	58,382	13,431	615	1,521	10,158	333	4,407	8,956	13,319	5,640	2

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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	June (P)	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug (P)
New Zealand	215,244	254,361	250,392	51,856	54,186	84,841	59,509	62,560	57,304	28,802	22,832	18,224	18,093	23,191	20,092	18,391	24,077	17,778	17,585	21,940	25,967	20,546
Australia	72,758	61,611	79,086	16,970	16,677	23,793	21,646	20,810	24,047	10,551	6,601	6,367	7,926	7,254	8,033	4,884	7,894	6,509	8,243	9,295	10,008	3,922
Fiji	45,390	48,843	48,140	9,553	11,478	14,426	12,683	10,859	13,685	5,458	4,724	3,423	4,580	4,680	2,988	3,558	4,313	3,930	5,405	4,350	6,488	3,414
United States of America	100,779	105,248	90,139	20,986	22,784	22,112	24,257	15,514	24,409	9,055	8,066	9,032	8,040	7,185	4,021	6,244	5,249	8,734	7,932	7,744	5,827	5,544
China, Peoples Republic of	62,549	69,325	93,819	14,596	34,164	20,130	24,928	32,046	23,900	9,612	5,606	6,286	6,587	12,055	6,083	18,192	7,771	6,294	5,592	12,014	9,763	6,148
Hong Kong	11,567	14,711	12,474	2,617	2,130	2,517	5,210	2,363	1,717	1,118	849	1,429	1,107	2,674	701	709	953	654	517	546	910	857
Indonesia	17,707	13,420	13,445	3,389	2,617	3,271	4,168	4,123	3,453	1,290	1,231	968	1,939	1,260	244	2,112	1,767	1,352	1,204	897	904	624
Japan	32,240	31,275	32,724	5,056	7,497	11,741	8,430	8,856	9,094	4,882	2,252	3,355	2,162	2,913	2,191	1,969	4,697	2,352	4,647	2,095	4,068	2,260
Malaysia	7,663	13,274	9,993	2,367	2,991	1,490	3,146	11,219	2,115	853	457	302	1,330	1,514	9,435	652	1,132	355	948	812	1,445	697
Philippines	1,616	2,404	848	460	50	307	32	293	140	65	159	32	-	-	242	50	0	64	48	28	149	16
Singapore	182,250	193,942	218,448	64,298	54,597	49,485	50,069	24,593	35,185	18,093	9,731	15,862	18,577	15,631	14,452	581	9,560	12,388	10,961	11,835	14,811	10,937
Thailand	11,701	19,974	20,249	4,719	3,849	4,454	7,227	4,929	3,025	1,455	1,957	1,966	2,637	2,624	1,437	1,749	1,743	410	1,194	1,421	3,524	1,118
India	1,065	3,364	2,975	808	435	784	949	400	120	261	387	304	186	459	9	86	306	57	44	19	165	21
Korea Democratic People's	825	1,713	2,505	435	1,044	170	856	689	226	48	37	91	225	541	238	284	168	40	78	107	97	364
Korea Republic of	1,919	2,289	1,845	693	364	251	537	268	292	90	73	3	333	200	54	60	154	98	134	60	64	-
Papua New Guinea	2,136	2,395	1,362	297	474	408	183	208	258	180	0	81	71	31	2	107	99	100	5	154	150	216
Tonga	528	954	1,143	156	233	312	441	169	96	57	100	216	132	93	66	22	80	3	70	22	119	26
Taiwan, Province of China	2,062	2,258	2,567	544	332	330	1,361	368	908	304	27	491	217	653	234	133	0	617	145	147	260	361
Viet Nam	3,018	1,774	2,222	437	582	0	1,203	248	559	0	-	317	506	380	-	-	248	-	192	367	1,606	571
Other countries	18,955	8,158	10,948	1,585	1,739	6,050	1,575	2,150	2,024	950	225	484	354	737	137	1,005	1,008	736	631	656	1,403	740
Total Imports	791,974	851,292	895,326	201,821	218,223	246,873	228,409	202,664	202,557	93,123	65,314	69,232	75,000	84,176	70,658	60,788	71,217	62,472	65,575	74,510	87,728	58,382

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.