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### Merchandise Trade December 2015

#### Highlights of the month

##### Exports

- ✚ Exports<sup>1</sup> were valued at \$11.1 million, decreasing 15.3 percent (\$2 million) from November 2015
- ✚ Exports of Machinery & Transport Equipment products recorded the largest decrease (down \$1.6 million), reflecting lower values of ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft exported during December 2015
- ✚ Food and Live animal exports became the top commodity groups exported during December 2015, representing 36 percent of total exports.
- ✚ Exports to Australia fell 28.6 percent to \$4.4 million and to New Zealand fell 16.1 percent to \$1.8 million from November 2015.

##### Imports

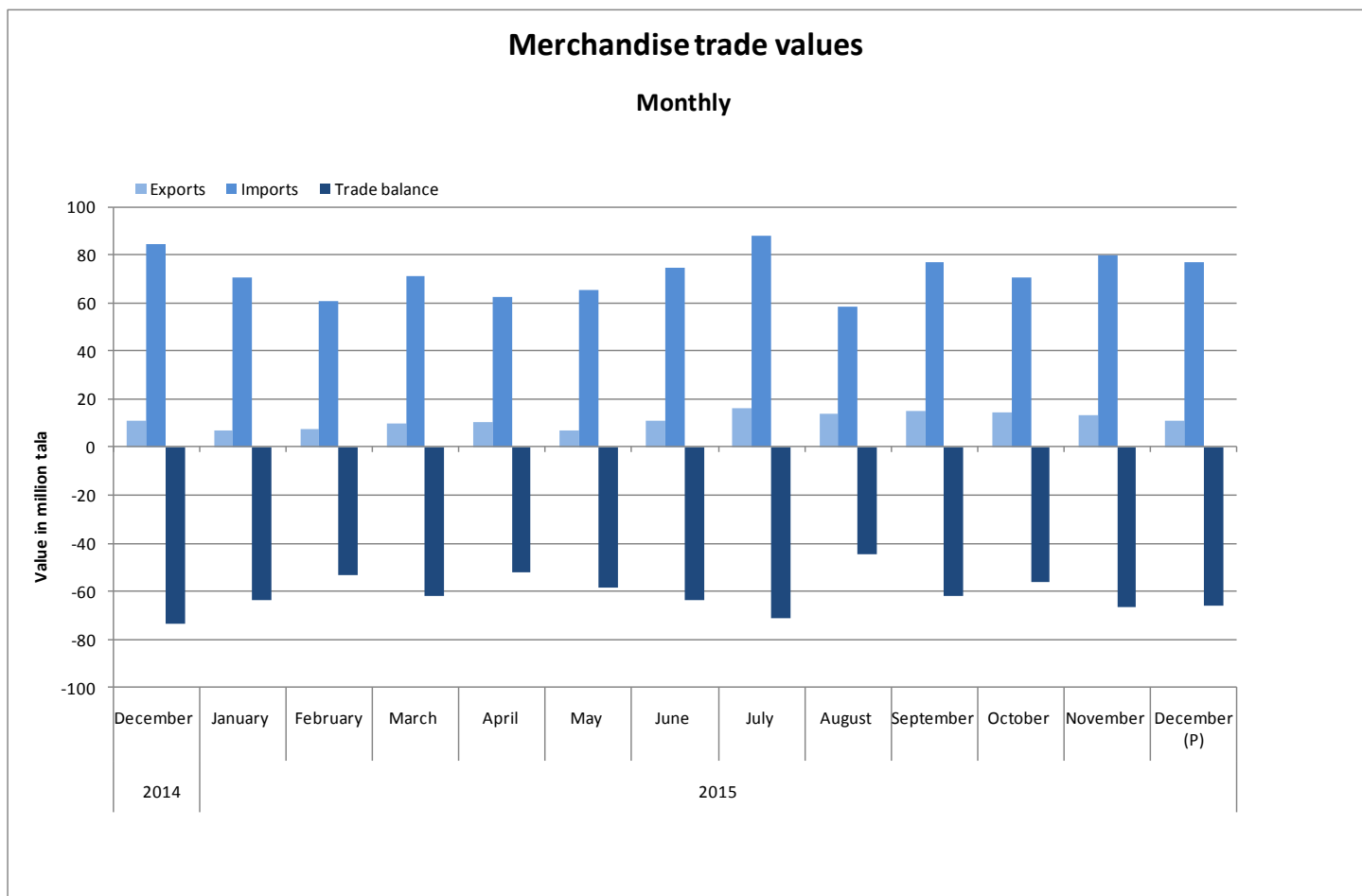
- ✚ Imports were valued at \$77.1 million, decreasing 3.1 percent (\$2.5 million) from November 2015.
- ✚ Imports of Machinery & Transport Equipment recorded the largest decrease (down \$6.1 million).
- ✚ Food and Live animals imports maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported during December 2015, representing 26.6 percent of total imports.
- ✚ Imports from Japan decreased 63.9 percent (\$4.4 million) to \$2.5 million and Malaysia fell 82.8 percent (\$4.2 million) to \$861 thousand while imports from New Zealand increased 18.4 percent (\$3.8 million) to \$24.4 million from November 2015

##### Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$77.1 million) exceeded that of exports (\$11.1 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$66 million.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 January Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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Table 1

**Merchandise Trade Summary**Amount in thousand tala

<b>Period</b>		<b>EXPORTS (fob)</b> <b>(a)</b>	<b>Imports (cif)</b> <b>(b)</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b> <b>(a-b)</b>
<b>2011</b>		153,111	805,752	-652,641
<b>2012</b>		176,428	791,974	-615,546
<b>2013</b>		144,103	851,292	-707,189
<b>2014</b>		117,400	895,326	-777,926
<b>Three months ended</b>				
<b>Jun 13</b>		30,184	209,695	-179,511
<b>Sep 13</b>		48,134	240,506	-192,372
<b>Dec 13</b>		37,425	224,250	-186,825
<b>Mar 14</b>		23,289	201,821	-178,532
<b>Jun 14</b>		26,333	218,223	-191,890
<b>Sep 14</b>		38,656	246,873	-208,217
<b>Dec 14</b>		29,123	228,409	-199,286
<b>Mar 15</b>		24,003	202,664	-178,660
<b>Jun 15</b>		28,393	202,557	-174,164
<b>Sept 15</b>		44,840	222,818	-177,979
<b>Dec 15 (P)</b>		38,782	227,350	-188,569
<b>Monthly</b>				
<b>2014</b>	January	5,419	75,214	-69,794
	February	7,475	76,368	-68,893
	March	10,394	50,239	-39,845
	April	9,975	79,223	-69,248
	May	7,969	69,952	-61,983
	June	8,389	69,048	-60,659
	July	12,955	88,435	-75,480
	August	12,732	93,123	-80,391
	September	12,968	65,314	-52,346
	October	11,855	69,232	-57,378
	November	6,473	75,000	-68,527
	December	10,795	84,176	-73,381
<b>2015</b>	January	6,858	70,658	-63,801
	February	7,532	60,788	-53,256
	March	9,614	71,217	-61,603
	April	10,530	62,472	-51,942
	May	7,157	65,575	-58,418
	June	10,706	74,510	-63,803
	July	16,417	87,728	-71,312
	August	13,677	58,382	-44,704
	September	14,745	76,708	-61,963
	October	14,507	70,753	-56,246
	November	13,140	79,546	-66,407
	December (P)	11,135	77,051	-65,916

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.)

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

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

Revised figures

**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	15,355	72	-
	Qtr 2	30,184	4,577	2,078	223	9,431	590	55	12,495	677	-
	Qtr 3	48,134	8,829	1,595	688	9,555	251	748	23,984	1,490	-
	Qtr 4	37,425	4,668	7,606	425	9,130	85	109	14,588	355	-
2014	Qtr 1	23,289	2,069	1,208	399	8,143	725	25	10,404	179	-
	Qtr 2	26,333	2,901	1,506	146	10,749	1,030	73	9,338	535	-
	Qtr 3	38,656	4,528	1,869	196	11,934	860	12	18,546	633	-
	Qtr 4	29,123	5,435	3,097	281	8,591	1,397	35	9,692	367	-
2015	Qtr 1	24,003	4,202	1,492	140	7,696	1,095	44	9,034	165	-
	Qtr 2	28,393	9,155	1,316	349	7,888	1,091	97	7,948	264	-
	Qtr 3	44,840	20,989	1,463	1,546	10,607	586	50	8,877	594	-
	Qtr 4	38,782	12,682	2,517	1,440	8,205	14	60	13,017	537	-
2014	January	5,419	600	283	37	2,731	2	1	1,690	28	-
	February	7,475	670	477	178	3,103	116	3	2,875	17	-
	March	10,394	799	448	184	2,309	607	21	5,839	133	-
	April	9,975	968	340	12	3,651	449	1	4,495	43	-
	May	7,969	989	542	102	3,534	258	70	2,336	129	-
	June	8,389	944	624	31	3,563	323	3	2,507	363	-
	July	12,955	1,511	369	131	3,569	373	0	6,696	266	-
	August	12,732	1,947	520	20	4,872	2	6	5,331	26	-
	September	12,968	1,070	980	46	3,493	484	6	6,519	342	-
	October	11,855	2,151	630	103	3,024	499	13	5,228	152	-
	November	6,473	1,378	1,670	119	2,454	385	7	263	129	-
	December	10,795	1,906	797	59	3,113	513	15	4,201	86	-
2015	January	6,858	961	193	53	3,016	295	1	2,222	114	-
	February	7,532	1,619	245	45	2,818	369	18	2,309	18	-
	March	9,614	1,623	1,054	42	1,863	431	25	4,503	33	-
	April	10,530	1,960	626	98	1,944	530	30	5,003	136	-
	May	7,157	2,869	507	122	2,907	455	0	146	123	-
	June	10,706	4,325	183	129	3,037	105	67	2,799	5	-
	July	16,417	7,910	751	279	3,377	586	23	3,388	31	-
	August	13,677	5,395	316	543	4,046	0	6	2,952	386	-
	September	14,745	7,684	395	725	3,183	-	21	2,537	176	-
	October	14,507	4,898	1,260	641	2,460	14	32	4,868	253	-
	November	13,140	3,767	848	506	2,685	-	21	4,864	253	-
	December (P)	11,135	4,017	409	293	3,060	-	6	3,285	30	-

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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	Sept	Dec (P)	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec (P)
New Zealand	19,779	19,800	22,418	2,696	6,382	7,326	6,015	4,328	4,621	5,580	5,763	2,333	1,423	1,312	1,593	1,220	1,692	1,710	1,753	1,874	1,953	1,817	2,146	1800
Australia	95,089	81,995	67,965	12,965	14,739	24,583	15,679	13,489	12,410	14,713	16,612	6,308	3,893	4,208	5,388	6,594	1,770	4,045	5,275	5,123	4,315	6,091	6,137	4384
American Samoa	10,680	13,051	7,348	997	1,166	1,558	3,627	2,335	5,325	11,165	6,118	906	296	505	1,534	1,294	1,538	2,493	4,506	3,108	3,551	2,721	2,068	1329
Fiji	1,291	3,497	3,551	573	667	1,061	1,249	1,011	698	1,439	797	515	392	372	247	148	279	271	492	365	582	242	303	252
Tokelau	4,662	10,377	3,123	765	739	656	964	859	1,177	508	1,227	375	251	280	329	299	301	577	139	267	102	716	366	144
New Caledonia	235	151	9	3	2	2	2	0	6	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	2	-	-	1	1
Tonga	21	190	126	0	96	2	28	0	0	1	1	28	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	1	0	1	-	-
French Polynesia	2,982	368	268	46	103	44	75	37	9	6	2	50	37	-	-	-	9	-	-	0	6	2	-	-
Japan	2,150	717	325	101	55	98	70	0	1,318	1,878	2,019	-	-	-	-	386	592	340	632	192	1,054	886	220	914
Singapore	1,127	2,871	4,097	942	873	1,971	310	612	313	789	494	5	280	280	53	97	120	96	241	204	344	116	79	298
United Kingdom	236	1,355	268	142	0	125	0	0	0	149	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	149	0	-	0	0	0
United States of America	5,058	4,177	4,441	1,907	1,440	624	470	490	886	3,476	2,404	150	107	225	158	218	235	433	1,747	611	1,118	1,234	640	529
Other countries	33,117	5,555	3,462	2,150	70	606	636	842	1,629	5,133	3,343	123	179	350	312	274	618	737	1,482	1,932	1,720	681	1,178	1494
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>176,428</b>	<b>144,103</b>	<b>117,400</b>	<b>23,289</b>	<b>26,333</b>	<b>38,656</b>	<b>29,123</b>	<b>24,003</b>	<b>28,393</b>	<b>44,840</b>	<b>38,782</b>	<b>10,795</b>	<b>6,858</b>	<b>7,532</b>	<b>9,614</b>	<b>10,530</b>	<b>7,157</b>	<b>10,706</b>	<b>16,417</b>	<b>13,677</b>	<b>14,745</b>	<b>14,507</b>	<b>13,140</b>	<b>11,135</b>

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

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Beverages & Tobacco	Crude Materials, Mineral fuels, Lub- In-edible, Except ricsants & Related			Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manu-factured	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Misce-laneous	Commo-dities & Trans-actions
				Chiefly By Material	Manu-factured Goods & Articles	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
	Qtr 3	222,818	53,482	2,269	6,286	35,876	853	17,420	35,052	45,007	26,569	3
	Qtr 4	227,350	58,392	2,692	6,441	34,808	581	17,976	39,911	40,075	26,468	6
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	58,382	13,431	615	1,521	10,158	333	4,407	8,956	13,319	5,640	2
	September	76,708	20,225	654	1,953	12,149	26	5,925	13,285	12,304	10,185	1
	October	70,753	17,813	515	2,237	13,092	403	5,879	10,977	12,012	7,820	3
	November	79,546	20,117	808	1,684	10,636	136	6,363	12,888	17,069	9,844	-
	December (P)	77,051	20,461	1,369	2,519	11,080	41	5,735	16,046	10,994	8,803	3

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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	Sept	Dec (P)	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec (P)
New Zealand	215,244	254,361	250,392	51,856	54,186	84,841	59,509	62,560	57,304	69,752	64,287	23,191	20,092	18,391	24,077	17,778	17,585	21,940	25,967	20,546	23,239	19,300	20,596	24,391
Australia	72,758	61,611	79,086	16,970	16,677	23,793	21,646	20,810	24,047	22,280	23,692	7,354	8,033	4,884	7,894	6,509	8,243	9,295	10,008	3,922	8,350	8,215	7,934	7,544
Fiji	45,390	48,843	48,140	9,553	11,478	14,426	12,683	10,859	13,685	15,398	18,238	4,680	2,988	3,558	4,313	3,930	5,405	4,350	6,488	3,414	5,496	6,114	7,056	5,067
United States of America	100,779	105,248	90,139	20,986	22,784	22,112	24,257	15,514	24,409	20,120	22,640	7,185	4,021	6,244	5,249	8,734	7,932	7,744	5,827	5,544	8,749	7,298	5,973	9,370
China, Peoples Republic of	62,549	69,325	93,819	14,596	34,164	20,130	24,928	32,046	23,900	24,138	23,632	12,055	6,083	18,192	7,771	6,294	5,592	12,014	9,763	6,148	8,226	5,364	7,489	10,779
Hong Kong	11,567	14,711	12,474	2,617	2,130	2,517	5,210	2,363	1,717	3,159	3,850	2,674	701	709	953	654	517	546	910	857	1,391	823	1,780	1,247
Indonesia	17,707	13,420	13,445	3,389	2,617	3,271	4,168	4,123	3,453	2,758	4,055	1,260	244	2,112	1,767	1,352	1,204	897	904	624	1,230	803	2,091	1,161
Japan	32,240	31,275	32,724	5,056	7,497	11,741	8,430	8,856	9,094	10,395	14,018	2,913	2,191	1,969	4,697	2,352	4,647	2,095	4,068	2,260	4,067	4,624	6,904	2,489
Malaysia	7,663	13,274	9,993	2,367	2,991	1,490	3,146	11,219	2,115	2,807	6,710	1,514	9,435	652	1,132	355	948	812	1,445	697	665	834	5,015	861
Philippines	1,616	2,404	848	460	50	307	32	293	140	166	189	-	242	50	0	64	48	28	149	16	2	61	101	26
Singapore	182,250	193,942	218,448	64,298	54,597	49,485	50,069	24,593	35,185	37,926	34,824	15,631	14,452	581	9,560	12,388	10,961	11,835	14,811	10,997	12,179	12,919	11,004	10,901
Thailand	11,701	19,974	20,249	4,719	3,849	4,454	7,227	4,929	3,025	6,005	5,396	2,624	1,437	1,749	1,743	410	1,194	1,421	3,524	1,118	1,363	2,019	1,781	1,596
India	1,065	3,364	2,975	808	435	784	949	400	120	209	351	459	9	86	306	57	44	19	165	21	22	120	14	217
Korea Democratic People's	825	1,713	2,505	435	1,044	170	856	689	226	519	172	541	238	284	168	40	78	107	97	364	58	92	80	-
Korea Republic of	1,919	2,289	1,845	693	364	251	537	268	292	64	205	200	54	60	154	98	134	60	64	-	-	137	68	-
Papua New Guinea	2,136	2,395	1,362	297	474	408	183	208	258	412	330	31	2	107	99	100	5	154	150	216	47	37	293	0
Tonga	528	954	1,143	156	233	312	441	169	96	149	229	93	66	22	80	3	70	22	119	26	5	39	32	159
Taiwan, Province of China	2,062	2,258	2,567	544	332	330	1,361	368	908	1,092	759	653	234	133	0	617	145	147	260	361	472	357	249	153
Viet Nam	3,018	1,774	2,222	437	582	0	1,203	248	559	3,036	2,047	380	-	-	248	-	192	367	1,606	571	858	620	711	716
Other countries	18,955	8,158	10,948	1,585	1,739	6,050	1,575	2,150	2,024	2,432	1,726	737	137	1,005	1,008	736	631	656	1,403	740	290	1,114	306	306
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>791,974</b>	<b>851,292</b>	<b>895,326</b>	<b>201,821</b>	<b>218,223</b>	<b>246,873</b>	<b>228,409</b>	<b>202,664</b>	<b>202,557</b>	<b>222,818</b>	<b>227,350</b>	<b>84,176</b>	<b>70,658</b>	<b>60,788</b>	<b>71,217</b>	<b>62,472</b>	<b>65,575</b>	<b>74,510</b>	<b>87,728</b>	<b>58,382</b>	<b>76,708</b>	<b>70,753</b>	<b>79,546</b>	<b>77,851</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

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.