



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

MERCHANDISE TRADE March 2016 quarter

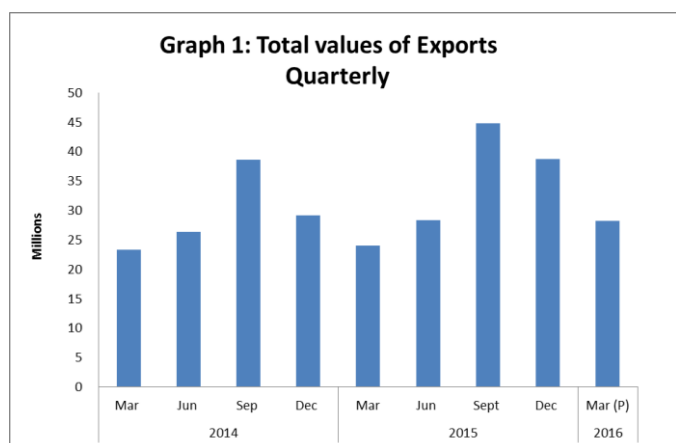
Highlights of the quarter

- Exports value fell 27.1 percent to \$28.3 million from the December 2015 quarter.
- Imports value fell 2.9 percent to \$220.8 million from the December 2015 quarter.
- There was a trade deficit of \$192.6 million.

Overview

Value of Exports

In the March 2016 quarter, exports were valued at \$28.3 million. This value was 27.1 percent lower than the previous quarter but 17.7 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2015. The current fall was mainly driven by lower values of machinery, mechanical and electrical appliances commodities reflecting lower values of ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles and aircraft (down \$5.6 million). (See table 1, 2, 3 and graph 1)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2016 showed an 18.8 percent increase in the total value of exports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2015.

Top export commodities¹

In the March 2016 quarter, fish exports became the top commodities exported, valued at \$8.7 million, representing 30.6 percent of total exports. This value was 2.9 percent and five times higher than the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles exports followed with a total value of \$6.9 million, accounting for 24.3 percent share of total exports. This value was 44.7 percent and 22.3 percent lower than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2015 respectively.

Petroleum oils² other than crude oil exports was third with its value decreasing to \$5.6 million from \$8.2 million in the previous quarter, contributing 19.9 percent of total exports. In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current value decreased 27.1 percent.

Fruit juices exports was fourth valued at \$1.8 million, representing 6.3 percent of total exports, increasing 1.7 percent from the previous quarter and three times higher than the corresponding quarter of 2015.

Taro exports recorded a total value of \$1.5 million, accounted for 5.2 percent of total exports. This value was 2.9 percent lower than the previous quarter but 24.6 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2015.

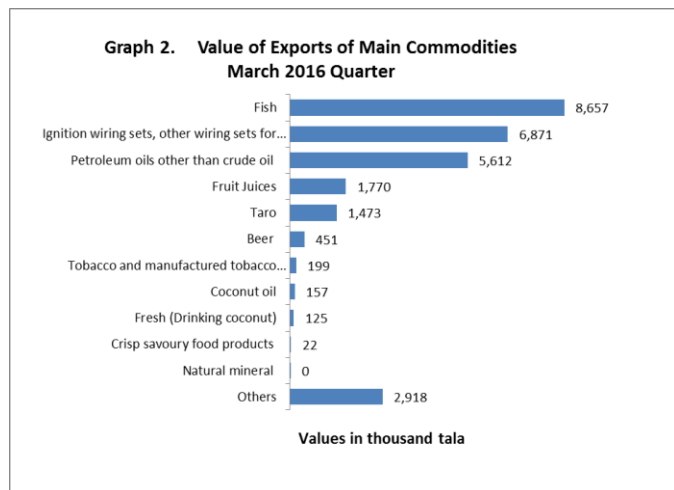
Beer exports were valued at \$451 thousand, representing 1.6 percent of total exports, decreasing 80.5 percent from the previous quarter and 65.1 percent lower than the same quarter of 2015.

Tobacco exports had a total value of \$199 thousand (0.7 percent of total exports value) while exports of coconut oil valued at \$157

¹ Includes re-export commodities

² Re-exports of fuel for airlines and shipping vessels

thousand (0.6 percent of total exports value). Fresh drinking coconut exports had a total value of \$125 thousand, accounting for 0.4 percent of total exports. Exports of crisp savoury food products were valued at \$22 thousand (0.1 percent of total exports) while lower values recorded for mineral water exports. Other export commodities were valued at \$2.9 million, representing 10.3 percent of total exports. (See table 2, 3 and graph 2)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Country of Destination for Exports

Australia maintained the largest export market in the March 2016 quarter with its value decreasing to \$9.4 million from \$16.6 million in the previous quarter, representing 33.3 percent of total exports. In comparison with corresponding quarter of 2015, the current value of exports to Australia decreased 30.2 percent; driven by lower values of ignition wiring sets for vehicles exports.

Exports to American Samoa had a total value of \$6.4 million, accounting for 22.7 percent of total exports, increasing 4.9 percent from the previous quarter and three times higher than the same quarter last year.

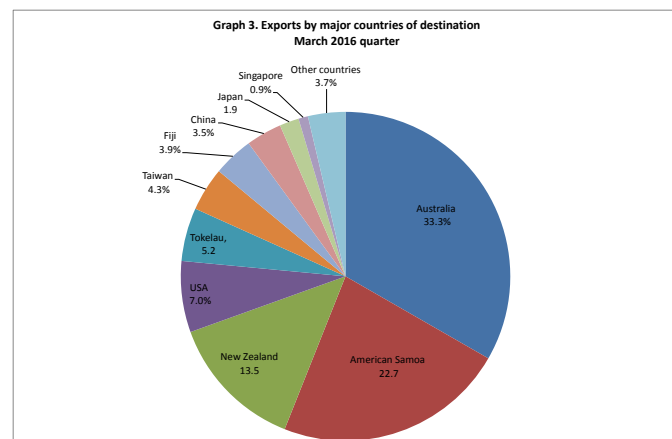
Exports to New Zealand were valued at \$3.8 million which accounted for 13.5 percent of total exports, decreasing 33.9 percent and 12 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2015 respectively.

Exports to USA decreased to \$2 million from \$2.4 million in the previous quarter, accounting for 7 percent of total exports. In comparison with same quarter of 2015, the current value of exports to USA was four times higher.

Exports to Tokelau increased to \$1.5 million from the previous quarter, representing 5.2 percent of total exports.

Exports to Taiwan had a total value of \$1.2 million, representing 4.3 percent of total value, decreasing 29.8 percent from the previous quarter.

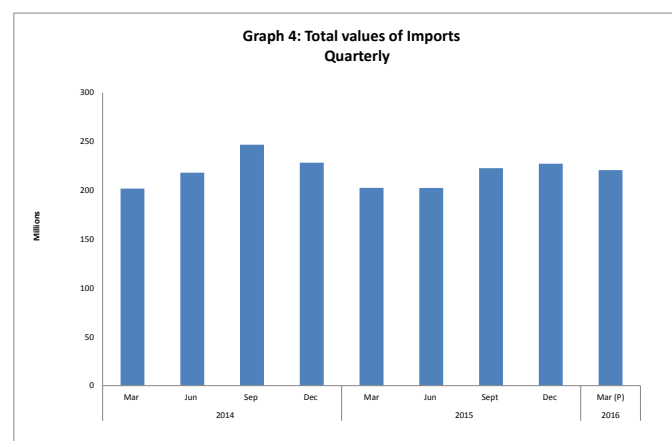
Exports to Fiji and China were increased, representing 3.9 percent and 3.5 percent of total exports respectively while exports to Japan and Singapore were decreased, accounting for 1.9 percent and 0.9 percent of total exports respectively. Other countries of destination had a total value of \$1.0 million, representing 3.7 percent total exports. (See table 4 and graph 3)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Value of Imports

In the March 2016 quarter, imports were valued at \$220.8 million. This value was 2.9 percent lower than the previous quarter but 9 percent higher than same quarter of 2015. (See table 1 and graph 4)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2016 showed a decrease of 2.5 percent in the total value of imports compared to the four quarters ending March 2015.

Composition of Imports

In the March 2016 quarter, mineral products maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported with a total value of \$38.5 million, contributing 17.4 percent of total imports. This value was 3.7 percent lower than the previous quarter but 50.7 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2015.

Imports of machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof increased to \$34.4 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 15.6 percent of total imports. In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current value of machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof increased 47.5 percent.

Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco imports recorded a total value of \$24.1 million, accounting for 10.9 percent of total imports, decreasing 7.7 percent from the previous quarter but increased 12.5 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2015.

Base metals & articles thereof imports were valued at \$19.6 million, representing 8.9 percent of total imports, increasing 12.5 percent from the previous quarter but 4.3 percent lower than the same quarter last year.

Imports of live animals and animal products had a total value of \$18.2 million, accounting for 8.3 percent of total imports, decreasing 17.2 percent from the previous quarter but 1 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2015.

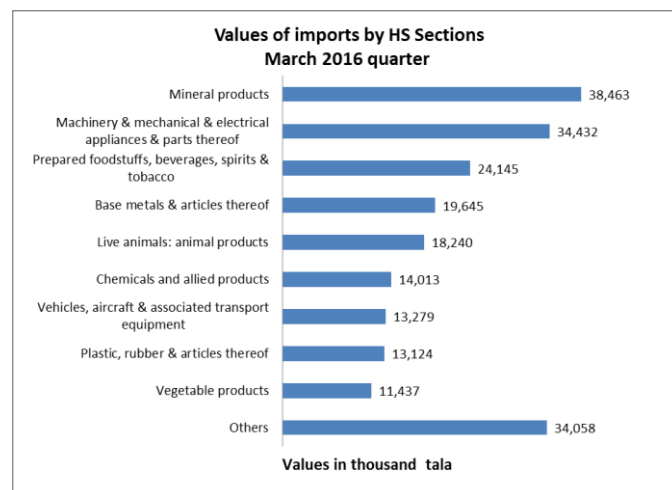
Chemicals and allied products imports increased to \$14 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 6.3 percent of total imports. In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current value decreased 10.7 percent.

Imports of vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment had a total value of \$13.3 million, decreasing 4.6 percent from the previous quarter, representing 6 percent of total imports. In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current value of vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment imports decreased 28.2 percent.

Imports of plastic, rubber & articles thereof equipment valued at \$13.1 million, accounting for 5.9 percent of total imports, decreasing 26.3 percent from the previous quarter but increased 3.2 percent when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2015.

Imports of vegetable products decreased to \$11.4 million from the previous quarter, representing 5.2 percent of total imports while

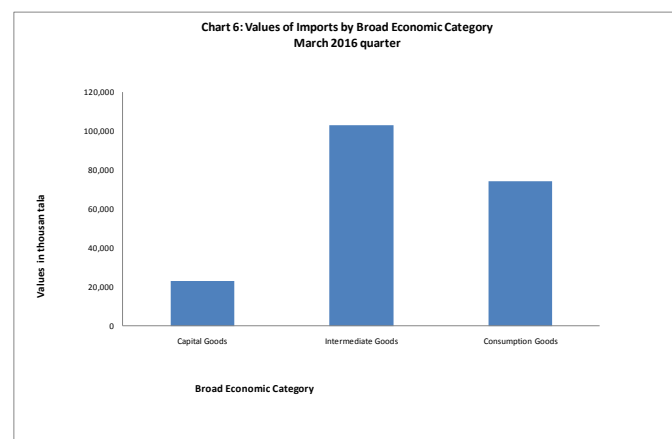
the remaining HS Sections accounted for less than 5.0 percent each with a combined total of \$34.1 million, representing 15.4 percent of total imports. (See table 5 and graph 5)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Imports by Broad Economic Categories

For the three main broad economic categories in the March 2016 quarter, capital goods were valued at \$23.1 million (accounting for 10.5 percent of total imports), intermediate goods were valued at \$102.8 million (accounting for 46.6 percent of total imports) and consumption goods were valued at \$74.1 million (accounting for 33.6 percent of total imports). (See table 6 and graph 6)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Major Source Markets of Imports

By major source markets of imports, New Zealand continued to be the leading source market of imports in the March 2016 quarter, contributing 25.3 percent (\$55.8 million) of total imports. This value was 13.2 percent and 10.9 percent lower than the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

Imports from Singapore accounted for 15.5 percent (\$34.3 million) of total imports, decreasing 1.5 percent from the previous quarter but 39.5 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2015.

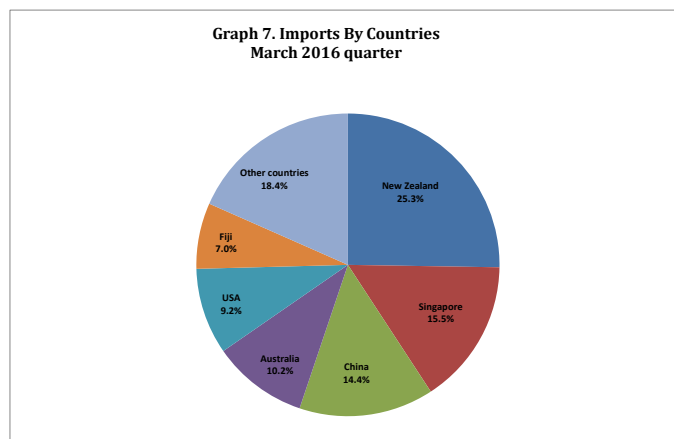
Imports from China and accounted for 14.4 percent (\$31.7 million) of total imports, increasing 34.3 percent from the previous quarter but 1.0 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2015.

Imports from Australia decreased by 5.0 percent from the previous quarter; representing 10.2 percent (\$22.5 million) of total imports. This value was 8.1 percent higher when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2015.

Imports from USA accounted for 9.2 percent of total imports (\$20.4 million). This value was 10.0 percent lower than the previous quarter but 31.3 percent higher than the same quarter last year.

Imports from Fiji accounted for 7.0 percent of total imports (\$15.5 million), decreasing 14.8 percent from the previous quarter but 43.1 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2015 quarter.

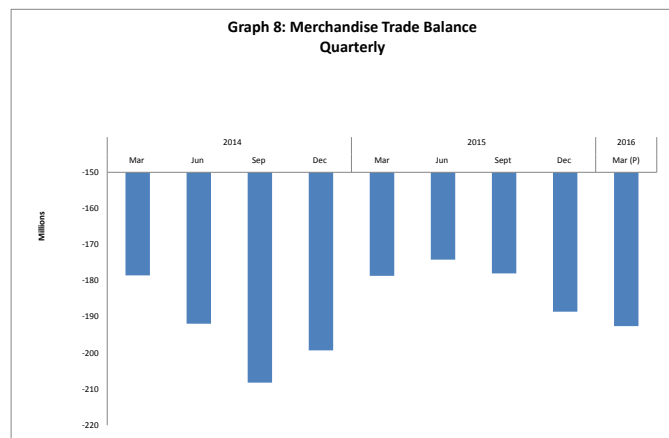
All other countries of imports accounted for less than 5.0 percent each with a combined total of 18.4 percent. (See table 7 graph 7).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Trade Balance

In the March 2016 quarter, the value of imports (\$220.8 million) exceeded that of exports (\$28.3 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$192.6 million. (See table 1 and graph 8)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The June 2016 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on September 23rd 2016.

Muagututi'a S Reupena
Government Statistician

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)

Definitions

March 2016 quarter: (January, February, March 2016)

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 (including re-exports): 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

Merchandise Trade Summary
Amount in thousand tala

| Period | EXPORTS (fob) (a) | Imports (cif) (b) | Trade Balance (a-b) | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 2011 | 153,111 | 805,752 | -652,641 | |
| 2012 | 176,428 | 791,974 | -615,546 | |
| 2013 | 144,103 | 851,292 | -707,189 | |
| 2014 | 117,400 | 895,326 | -777,926 | |
| 2015 (P) | 136,018 | 855,390 | -719,372 | |
| Three months ended | | | | |
| 2014 Mar | 23,289 | 201,821 | -178,532 | |
| Jun | 26,333 | 218,223 | -191,890 | |
| Sep | 38,656 | 246,873 | -208,217 | |
| Dec | 29,123 | 228,409 | -199,286 | |
| 2015 Mar | 24,003 | 202,664 | -178,660 | |
| Jun | 28,393 | 202,557 | -174,164 | |
| Sept | 44,840 | 222,818 | -177,979 | |
| Dec | 38,782 | 227,350 | -188,569 | |
| 2016 Mar (P) | 28,256 | 220,835 | -192,579 | |
| Monthly | | | | |
| 2014 | 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 |
| 2015 | 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 | 11,135 | 77,051 | -65,916 |
| 2016 | January (P) | 11,069 | 74,690 | -63,622 |
| | February (P) | 8,550 | 75,475 | -66,925 |
| | March (P) | 8,637 | 70,670 | -62,033 |

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

Table 2.

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

| Commodity | Annually | | | | Quarterly | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | | 2016 | |
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 (P) | March | June | Sept | Dec | March | June | Sept | Dec | March (P) | % of Total |
| Fish | 18,189 | 10,740 | 5,762 | 30,935 | 229 | 832 | 2,039 | 2,662 | 1,627 | 6,547 | 14,345 | 8,416 | 8,657 | 30.6 |
| Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft | 81,923 | 64,527 | 44,631 | 37,487 | 8,495 | 9,259 | 17,363 | 9,515 | 8,848 | 7,667 | 8,536 | 12,436 | 6,871 | 24.3 |
| Petroleum oils other than crude oil | 40,542 | 34,524 | 39,402 | 34,379 | 8,141 | 10,746 | 11,928 | 8,588 | 7,695 | 7,888 | 10,594 | 8,202 | 5,612 | 19.9 |
| Fruit Juices | 1,612 | 3,494 | 3,386 | 6,978 | 1,086 | 953 | 751 | 596 | 549 | 1,023 | 3,667 | 1,740 | 1,770 | 6.3 |
| Taro | 861 | 1,427 | 2,475 | 5,335 | 301 | 203 | 585 | 1,385 | 1,183 | 1,002 | 1,633 | 1,517 | 1,473 | 5.2 |
| Beer | 5,979 | 11,394 | 5,820 | 5,914 | 929 | 559 | 1,562 | 2,770 | 1,293 | 1,036 | 1,276 | 2,309 | 451 | 1.6 |
| Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 6,871 | 1,552 | 846 | 563 | 163 | 232 | 235 | 215 | 106 | 181 | 143 | 134 | 199 | 0.7 |
| Coconut oil | 7,800 | 1,414 | 3,457 | 2,654 | 624 | 581 | 859 | 1,393 | 1,095 | 960 | 586 | 14 | 157 | 0.6 |
| Fresh (Drinking coconut) | 219 | 182 | 718 | 461 | 183 | 195 | 198 | 143 | 64 | 98 | 130 | 169 | 125 | 0.4 |
| Crisp savoury food products | 325 | 231 | 108 | 144 | 0 | 24 | 25 | 58 | 10 | 39 | 81 | 14 | 22 | 0.1 |
| Natural mineral | 195 | 513 | 227 | 13 | 58 | 159 | - | 10 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Coconut | 813 | 1,762 | 1,046 | 251 | 162 | 178 | 565 | 141 | 110 | 90 | 41 | 11 | - | - |
| Desiccated | 541 | 26 | 10 | - | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Others | 10,558 | 12,318 | 9,512 | 10,903 | 2,908 | 2,414 | 2,544 | 1,646 | 1,412 | 1,863 | 3,808 | 3,821 | 2,918 | 10.3 |
| Total | 176,428 | 144,103 | 117,400 | 136,018 | 23,289 | 26,333 | 38,656 | 29,123 | 24,003 | 28,393 | 44,840 | 38,782 | 28,256 | 100.0 |

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

2. Includes re-exports of fuel for airlines and shipping vessels

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

(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

Table 3.

Exports By HS Sections
Amount in thousand tala (000)

| Section description | Annually | | | | Quarterly | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | | 2016 | |
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 (P) | March | June | Sep | Dec | March | June | Sep | Dec | March (P) | % of Total |
| I Animals and animal products | 18,189 | 11,442 | 5,842 | 31,183 | 231 | 833 | 2,041 | 2,737 | 1,631 | 6614 | 14,350 | 8,589 | 8,697 | 30.8 |
| II Vegetable products | 2,511 | 3,836 | 4,357 | 8,761 | 683 | 627 | 1,361 | 1,686 | 1,554 | 1261 | 3,124 | 2,821 | 2,504 | 8.9 |
| III Animal or vegetable fats | 8,829 | 1,486 | 4,017 | 2,794 | 725 | 1,031 | 863 | 1,397 | 1,097 | 1092 | 591 | 15 | 163 | 0.6 |
| IV Prepared foodstuff, beverages and tobacco | 16,000 | 19,083 | 12,410 | 16,294 | 2,363 | 2,945 | 2,993 | 4,109 | 2,508 | 2654 | 6,276 | 4,856 | 3,079 | 10.9 |
| V Mineral products | 40,563 | 35,466 | 39,434 | 34,396 | 8,143 | 10,749 | 11,950 | 8,591 | 7,696 | 7888 | 10,607 | 8,205 | 5,799 | 20.5 |
| VI Chemical products | 397 | 906 | 130 | 233 | 9 | 74 | 12 | 36 | 42 | 97 | 49 | 46 | 42 | 0.1 |
| VII Plastics and rubber | 193 | 454 | 153 | 485 | 44 | 1 | 10 | 98 | 112 | 112 | 14 | 248 | 222 | 0.8 |
| VIII Hides and skins | 91 | 5 | 0 | 32 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 22 | 7 | 0.0 |
| IX Wood and wood products | 66 | 112 | 179 | 271 | 85 | 45 | 19 | 31 | 13 | 14 | 21 | 223 | 37 | 0.1 |
| X Wood pulp products | 13 | 368 | 49 | 231 | 20 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 5 | 13 | 204 | 60 | 0.2 |
| XI Textiles and textile articles | 346 | 664 | 219 | 122 | 151 | 37 | 17 | 14 | 37 | 3 | 39 | 42 | 43 | 0.2 |
| XII Footwear, headgear, etc | 459 | 491 | 430 | 260 | 7 | 125 | 252 | 46 | 8 | 111 | 140 | 1 | 127 | 0.4 |
| XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, glass, etc | 12 | 17 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0.0 |
| XIV Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones and metals | 2,044 | 114 | 4 | 672 | 0 | - | - | 4 | 113 | 233 | 201 | 126 | 76 | 0.3 |
| XV Base metals and articles of base metal | 2,164 | 1,749 | 1,135 | 735 | 353 | 154 | 220 | 407 | 118 | 295 | 107 | 216 | 209 | 0.7 |
| XVI Machinery, mechanical and electrical appliances | 84,068 | 66,270 | 46,082 | 38,482 | 8,612 | 9,329 | 18,531 | 9,609 | 8,985 | 7761 | 8,814 | 12,922 | 7,023 | 24.9 |
| XVII Transportation equipment | 418 | 985 | 1,904 | 385 | 1,800 | 9 | 13 | 83 | 49 | 187 | 63 | 87 | 21 | 0.1 |
| XVIII Instruments - measuring, musical | 20 | 458 | 652 | 418 | 12 | 357 | 94 | 189 | 2 | 32 | 352 | 32 | 10 | 0.0 |
| XIX Arms and ammunition | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 29 | 172 | 298 | 163 | 5 | 2 | 263 | 28 | 19 | 2 | 38 | 104 | 115 | 0.4 |
| XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| XXII Others | 13 | 27 | 103 | 89 | 45 | 8 | 9 | 42 | 9 | 34 | 28 | 19 | 18 | 0.1 |
| Total Exports | 176,428 | 144,103 | 117,400 | 136,018 | 23,289 | 26,333 | 38,656 | 29,123 | 24,003 | 28,393 | 44,840 | 38,782 | 28,256 | 100.0 |

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

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

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

- = Magnitude is Zero

0 = Negligible

(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

Table 4.

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

| Country of Destination | Annually | | | Quarterly | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | | 2016 | |
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 (P) | March | June | Sep | Dec | March | June | Sep | Dec | March (P) | % of Total |
| Australia | 81,995 | 67,965 | 57,224 | 12,965 | 14,739 | 24,583 | 15,679 | 13,489 | 12,410 | 14,713 | 16,612 | 9,412 | 33.3 |
| American Samoa | 13,051 | 7,348 | 24,943 | 997 | 1,166 | 1,558 | 3,627 | 2,335 | 5,325 | 11,165 | 6,118 | 6,418 | 22.7 |
| New Zealand | 19,800 | 22,418 | 20,293 | 2,696 | 6,382 | 7,326 | 6,015 | 4,328 | 4,621 | 5,580 | 5,763 | 3,809 | 13.5 |
| USA | 4,177 | 4,441 | 7,262 | 1,907 | 1,440 | 624 | 470 | 490 | 886 | 3,482 | 2,404 | 1,976 | 7.0 |
| Tokelau | 10,377 | 3,123 | 3,772 | 765 | 739 | 656 | 964 | 859 | 1,177 | 508 | 1,227 | 1,483 | 5.2 |
| Taiwan | 593 | 489 | 5,766 | 73 | - | 354 | 61 | 427 | 1,049 | 2,557 | 1,732 | 1,215 | 4.3 |
| Fiji | 3,497 | 3,551 | 3,944 | 573 | 667 | 1,061 | 1,249 | 1,011 | 698 | 1,439 | 797 | 1,116 | 3.9 |
| China | 319 | 16 | 1,904 | 16 | - | - | 0 | 302 | 131 | 880 | 591 | 990 | 3.5 |
| Japan | 717 | 325 | 5,214 | 101 | 55 | 98 | 70 | - | 1,318 | 1,878 | 2,019 | 537 | 1.9 |
| Singapore | 2,871 | 4,097 | 2,209 | 942 | 873 | 1,971 | 310 | 612 | 313 | 789 | 494 | 264 | 0.9 |
| Other countries | 6,707 | 3,628 | 3,488 | 2,253 | 271 | 425 | 679 | 150 | 464 | 1,848 | 1,026 | 1,037 | 3.7 |
| Total Exports | 144,103 | 117,400 | 136,018 | 23,289 | 26,333 | 38,656 | 29,123 | 24,003 | 28,393 | 44,840 | 38,782 | 28,256 | 100.0 |

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

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

Includes 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

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

Table 5

IMPORTS BY HS SECTIONS
Amount in thousand tala

| HS Sections | Annually | | Quarterly | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 (P) | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | | 2016 | |
| | | | March | June | Sept | Dec | March | June | Sep | Dec | March (P) | % of Total |
| I Live animals: animal products | 87,522 | 85,447 | 17,980 | 21,415 | 24,188 | 23,938 | 18,057 | 24,771 | 20,586 | 22,033 | 18,240 | 8.3 |
| II Vegetable products | 36,897 | 43,073 | 7,302 | 9,135 | 10,287 | 10,173 | 8,404 | 11,360 | 10,677 | 12,632 | 11,437 | 5.2 |
| III Animal or vegetable oils & fats | 6,592 | 6,701 | 1,781 | 1,416 | 1,667 | 1,728 | 2,676 | 1,491 | 1,398 | 1,136 | 2,094 | 0.9 |
| IV Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco | 86,967 | 95,033 | 18,873 | 19,183 | 24,971 | 23,940 | 21,454 | 23,344 | 24,074 | 26,161 | 24,145 | 10.9 |
| V Mineral products | 233,158 | 145,707 | 66,769 | 58,075 | 55,633 | 52,681 | 25,530 | 39,129 | 41,108 | 39,939 | 38,463 | 17.4 |
| VI Chemicals and allied products | 53,754 | 56,130 | 11,336 | 12,413 | 14,916 | 15,090 | 15,699 | 12,707 | 14,161 | 13,564 | 14,013 | 6.3 |
| VII Plastic, rubber & articles thereof | 44,800 | 55,762 | 9,949 | 10,805 | 11,724 | 12,322 | 12,717 | 13,527 | 11,720 | 17,798 | 13,124 | 5.9 |
| VIII Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods | 862 | 972 | 145 | 114 | 350 | 252 | 265 | 294 | 157 | 256 | 307 | 0.1 |
| IX Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material | 30,635 | 34,974 | 5,881 | 7,120 | 9,067 | 8,567 | 5,886 | 13,266 | 7,187 | 8,635 | 7,875 | 3.6 |
| X Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof | 17,501 | 17,669 | 4,510 | 3,496 | 4,528 | 4,967 | 4,034 | 4,141 | 4,727 | 4,767 | 4,937 | 2.2 |
| XI Textiles & textile articles | 20,567 | 22,120 | 4,388 | 3,759 | 6,219 | 6,201 | 4,692 | 4,382 | 6,073 | 6,973 | 5,011 | 2.3 |
| XII Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof | 3,178 | 3,283 | 554 | 489 | 1,101 | 1,035 | 509 | 707 | 1,185 | 882 | 740 | 0.3 |
| XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products | 15,497 | 18,643 | 3,328 | 2,428 | 4,603 | 5,138 | 4,917 | 3,380 | 5,183 | 5,163 | 3,997 | 1.8 |
| XIV Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals | 1,841 | 434 | 41 | 1,514 | 117 | 168 | 51 | 86 | 180 | 117 | 57 | 0.0 |
| XV Base metals & articles thereof | 63,211 | 66,212 | 14,106 | 14,997 | 16,390 | 17,718 | 20,526 | 12,865 | 15,359 | 17,462 | 19,645 | 8.9 |
| XVI Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts th | 100,300 | 99,057 | 20,322 | 25,316 | 34,958 | 19,705 | 23,342 | 20,843 | 28,432 | 26,441 | 34,432 | 15.6 |
| XVII Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment | 49,648 | 53,555 | 7,646 | 13,914 | 14,144 | 13,944 | 18,490 | 8,296 | 12,855 | 13,914 | 13,279 | 6.0 |
| XVIII Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/ | 9,792 | 15,536 | 2,260 | 2,582 | 3,628 | 1,323 | 5,287 | 2,317 | 6,155 | 1,776 | 1,383 | 0.6 |
| XIX Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof | 109 | 133 | 29 | 31 | 22 | 27 | 19 | 80 | 1 | 34 | 116 | 0.1 |
| XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 32,400 | 34,828 | 4,601 | 9,989 | 8,347 | 9,463 | 10,092 | 5,541 | 11,576 | 7,619 | 7,521 | 3.4 |
| XXI Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques | 17 | 36 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 0.0 |
| XXII Others | 78 | 82 | 15 | 27 | 10 | 27 | 13 | 22 | 14 | 33 | 19 | 0.0 |
| Total | 895,326 | 855,390 | 201,821 | 218,223 | 246,873 | 228,409 | 202,664 | 202,557 | 222,818 | 227,350 | 220,835 | 100.0 |

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

All values are in Samoan tala.

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

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

- = Magnitude is Zero

0 = Negligible

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

| Economic Category | | IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC [SAT\$(000)] | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | QUARTERLY | MONTHLY | | |
| | | 2016 | 2016 | | |
| | | March (P) | Jan (P) | Feb (P) | Mar (P) |
| 1* | Food and Beverage | | | | |
| | 11* Primary | | | | |
| | 111* Mainly for industry | 1,314 | 350 | 470 | 494 |
| | 112* Mainly for household consumption | 5,943 | 1,703 | 2,167 | 2,073 |
| | 12* Processed | | | | |
| | 121* Mainly for industry | 8,150 | 3,250 | 2,774 | 2,126 |
| | 122* Mainly for household consumption | 38,211 | 12,532 | 12,816 | 12,863 |
| 2* | Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified | | | | |
| | 21* Primary | 3,099 | 942 | 1,093 | 1,065 |
| | 22* Processed | 56,698 | 18,983 | 21,695 | 16,019 |
| 3* | Fuels and Lubricants | | | | |
| | 31* Primary | 24 | 8 | | 16 |
| | 32* Processed | | | | |
| | 321* Motor spirit | 15,821 | 5,202 | 4,958 | 5,661 |
| | 322* Other | 16,573 | 5,211 | 6,252 | 5,111 |
| 4* | Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories thereof | | | | |
| | 41* Capital goods (except transport equipmet) | 16,514 | 6,382 | 5,117 | 5,016 |
| | 42* Parts and accessories | 13,302 | 2,565 | 7,644 | 3,094 |
| 5* | Transport Equipment and Parts and Accessories thereof | | | | |
| | 51* Passenger motor cars | 4,905 | 2,455 | 717 | 1,732 |
| | 521* Industrial | 6,611 | 3,111 | 326 | 3,175 |
| | 522* Non-industrial | 424 | 270 | 110 | 44 |
| | 53* Parts and accessories | 3,667 | 1,329 | 1,246 | 1,093 |
| 6* | Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified | | | | |
| | 61* Durable | 3,599 | 1,066 | 999 | 1,533 |
| | 62* Semi-durable | 13,509 | 5,240 | 3,319 | 4,950 |
| | 63* Non-durable | 12,432 | 4,091 | 3,749 | 4,591 |
| 7* | Goods Not Elsewhere Specified | 39 | 1 | 22 | 16 |
| | TOTAL IMPORTS | 220,835 | 74,690 | 75,475 | 70,670 |
| | <i>of which</i> | | | | |
| | Capital goods | 23,126 | 9,492 | 5,443 | 8,191 |
| | Intermediate goods | 102,827 | 32,638 | 41,173 | 29,016 |
| | Consumption goods | 74,118 | 24,902 | 23,161 | 26,055 |

Note:

The BEC serves as a means for converting retained import data into end use categories that are meaningful within the framework of the System of National Accounts; namely capital goods, intermediate goods and consumption goods. Except categories 321* and 51* which are used extensively both for industry and for household consumption and category 7* which includes a range of commodities, the correspondence of the 16 remaining BEC basic categories with the basic classes of goods in the SNA are:

- 1 Capital Goods: sum of categories 41* and 521*
- 2 Intermediate Goods: sum of categories 111*, 121*, 21*, 22*, 31*, 322*, 42* and 53*
- 3 Consumption Goods: sum of categories 112*, 122*, 522*, 61*, 62* and 63*

* The asterisk follows each reference to a BEC classification as a device to avoid confusion with the numbered sections, divisions and groups of the standard international trade classification, revision 4.

BEC Rev 4 applies to January 2016 and later data.

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

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

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

- = Magnitude is Zero

0 = Negligible

Source Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source Customs and PPS establishment survey

Table 7

TOTAL IMPORTS BY MAJOR PARTNER COUNTRIESAmount in thousand (SAT 000) cif

| Country of Export | Annually | | | Quarterly | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | | 2016 | |
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 (P) | March | June | Sept | Dec | March | June | Sep | Dec | Mar (P) | % of Total |
| New Zealand | 254,361 | 250,392 | 253,903 | 51,856 | 54,186 | 84,841 | 59,509 | 62,560 | 57,304 | 69,752 | 64,287 | 55,774 | 25.3 |
| Singapore | 193,942 | 218,448 | 132,528 | 64,298 | 54,597 | 49,485 | 50,069 | 24,593 | 35,185 | 37,926 | 34,824 | 34,316 | 15.5 |
| China | 69,325 | 93,819 | 103,716 | 14,596 | 34,164 | 20,130 | 24,928 | 32,046 | 23,900 | 24,138 | 23,632 | 31,739 | 14.4 |
| Australia | 61,611 | 79,086 | 90,829 | 16,970 | 16,677 | 23,793 | 21,646 | 20,810 | 24,047 | 22,280 | 23,692 | 22,507 | 10.2 |
| United States of America | 105,248 | 90,139 | 82,683 | 20,986 | 22,784 | 22,112 | 24,257 | 15,514 | 24,409 | 20,120 | 22,640 | 20,370 | 9.2 |
| Fiji | 48,843 | 48,140 | 58,180 | 9,553 | 11,478 | 14,426 | 12,683 | 10,859 | 13,685 | 15,398 | 18,238 | 15,543 | 7.0 |
| Japan | 31,275 | 32,724 | 42,362 | 5,056 | 7,497 | 11,741 | 8,430 | 8,856 | 9,094 | 10,395 | 14,018 | 9,522 | 4.3 |
| Malaysia | 13,274 | 9,993 | 22,851 | 2,367 | 2,991 | 1,490 | 3,146 | 11,219 | 2,115 | 2,807 | 6,710 | 8,980 | 4.1 |
| Thailand | 19,974 | 20,249 | 19,355 | 4,719 | 3,849 | 4,454 | 7,227 | 4,929 | 3,025 | 6,005 | 5,396 | 5,502 | 2.5 |
| Indonesia | 13,420 | 13,445 | 14,388 | 3,389 | 2,617 | 3,271 | 4,168 | 4,123 | 3,453 | 2,758 | 4,055 | 3,539 | 1.6 |
| Hong Kong | 14,711 | 12,474 | 11,089 | 2,617 | 2,130 | 2,517 | 5,210 | 2,363 | 1,717 | 3,159 | 3,850 | 2,405 | 1.1 |
| Viet Nam | 1,774 | 2,222 | 5,890 | 437 | 582 | 0 | 1,203 | 248 | 559 | 3,036 | 2,047 | 1,194 | 0.5 |
| Korea Democratic | 1,713 | 2,505 | 1,607 | 435 | 1,044 | 170 | 856 | 689 | 226 | 519 | 172 | 959 | 0.4 |
| India | 3,364 | 2,975 | 1,080 | 808 | 435 | 784 | 949 | 400 | 120 | 209 | 351 | 866 | 0.4 |
| Taiwan | 2,258 | 2,567 | 3,128 | 544 | 332 | 330 | 1,361 | 368 | 908 | 1,092 | 759 | 746 | 0.3 |
| Korea Republic | 2,289 | 1,845 | 830 | 693 | 364 | 251 | 537 | 268 | 292 | 64 | 205 | 523 | 0.2 |
| Papua New Guinea | 2,395 | 1,362 | 1,208 | 297 | 474 | 408 | 183 | 208 | 258 | 412 | 330 | 257 | 0.1 |
| Tonga | 954 | 1,143 | 643 | 156 | 233 | 312 | 441 | 169 | 96 | 149 | 229 | 206 | 0.1 |
| Philippines | 2,404 | 848 | 788 | 460 | 50 | 307 | 32 | 293 | 140 | 166 | 189 | 102 | 0.0 |
| Other countries | 8,158 | 10,949 | 8,332 | 1,585 | 1,739 | 6,050 | 1,575 | 2,150 | 2,024 | 2,432 | 1,726 | 5,784 | 2.6 |
| Total Imports | 851,292 | 895,326 | 855,390 | 201,821 | 218,223 | 246,873 | 228,409 | 202,664 | 202,557 | 222,818 | 227,350 | 220,835 | 100.0 |

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

All values are in Samoan tala.

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

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

- = Magnitude is Zero

0 = Negligible

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey