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Merchandise Trade May 2016

Highlights of the month

Exports

- ✚ Exports¹ were valued at \$13.9 million, increasing 56.9 percent from April 2016
- ✚ Food & live animal exports recorded the largest increase (up \$5.8 million) and became the top commodity groups exported during May 2016, representing 54.8 percent of total exports.
- ✚ Exports to American Samoa increased by \$4.1 million, reflecting higher values of fish exports while exports to Australia decreased by \$962 thousand from April 2016.

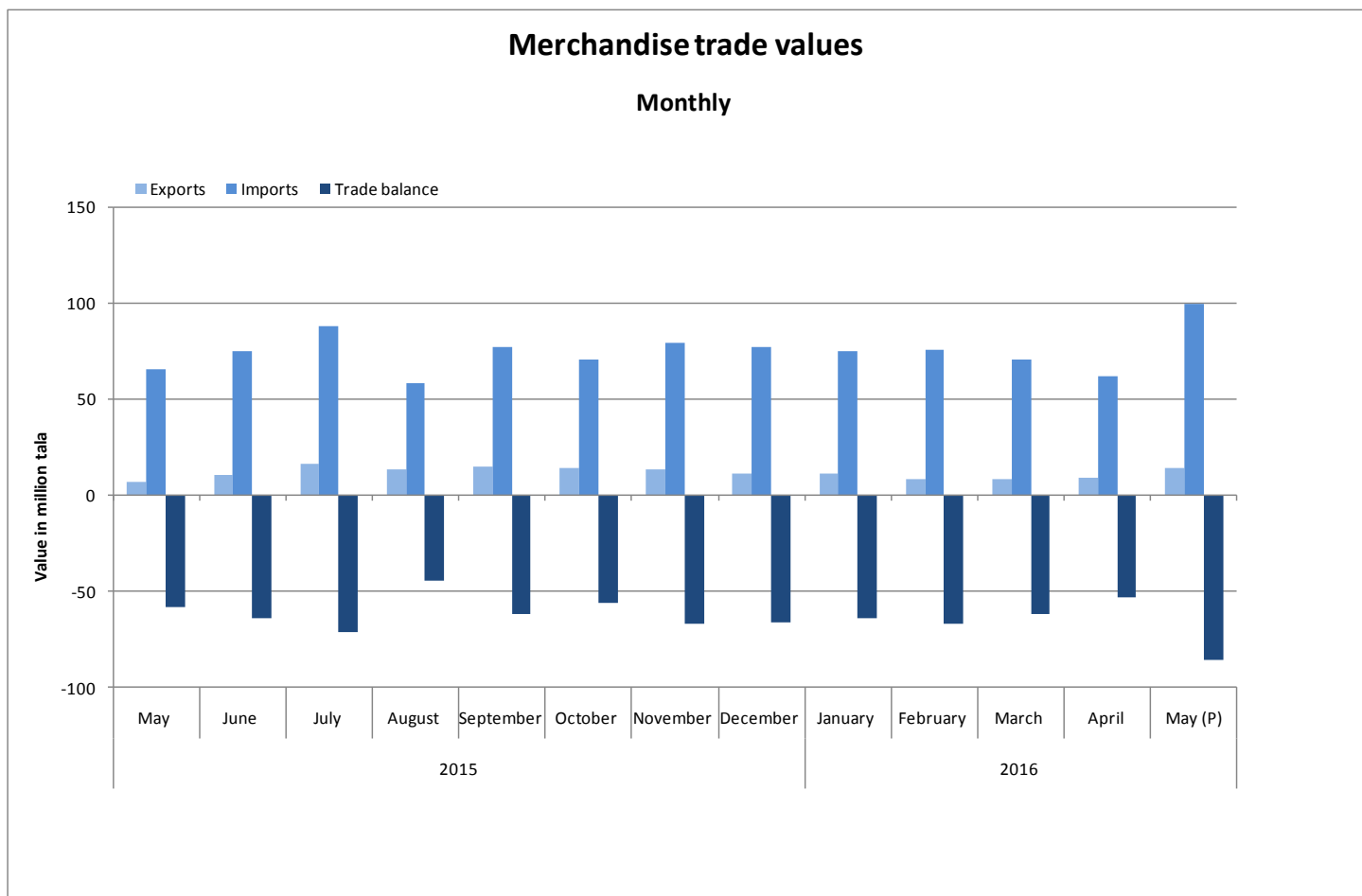
Imports

- ✚ Imports were valued at \$99.7 million, increasing 60.4 percent from April 2016.
- ✚ Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials Goods recorded the largest increase (up \$15.2 million).
- ✚ Food and Live animals imports maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported during May 2016, representing 24 percent of total imports.
- ✚ Imports from Singapore increased by \$15 million and from China increased by \$5.7 million from April 2016.

Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$99.7 million) exceeded that of exports (\$13.9 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$85.8 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 June 2016 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on August 12th 2016.

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Table 1

Merchandise Trade SummaryAmount 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		136,018	855,390	-719,372
Three months ended				
Jun 13		30,184	209,695	-179,511
Sep 13		48,134	240,506	-192,372
Dec 13		37,425	224,250	-186,825
Mar 14		23,289	201,821	-178,532
Jun 14		26,333	218,223	-191,890
Sep 14		38,656	246,873	-208,217
Dec 14		29,123	228,409	-199,286
Mar 15		24,003	202,664	-178,660
Jun 15		28,393	202,557	-174,164
Sept 15		44,840	222,818	-177,979
Dec 15		38,782	227,350	-188,569
Mar 16 (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	11,069	74,690	-63,622
	February	8,550	75,475	-66,925
	March	8,637	70,670	-62,033
	April	8,837	62,167	-53,330
	May (P)	13,864	99,736	-85,872

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.

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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

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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	-	
2015	136,018	47,028	6,788	3,474	34,396	2,785	250	861	38,877	1,559	-	
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	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	-
	Qtr 3	44,840	20,989	1,463	1,546	10,607	586	50	128	8,877	594	-
	Qtr 4	38,782	12,682	2,517	1,440	8,205	14	60	311	13,017	537	-
2016	Qtr 1 (P)	28,256	12,761	740	941	5,614	160	46	367	7,044	583	-
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	13,677	5,395	316	543	4,046	0	6	33	2,952	386	-
	September	14,745	7,684	395	725	3,183	-	21	24	2,537	176	-
	October	14,507	4,898	1,260	641	2,460	14	32	81	4,868	253	-
	November	13,140	3,767	848	506	2,685	-	21	195	4,864	253	-
	December	11,135	4,017	409	293	3,060	-	6	34	3,285	30	-
2016	January	11,069	5,441	223	257	2,198	-	17	281	2,462	189	-
	February	8,550	2,952	164	481	1,783	0	15	27	2,942	185	-
	March	8,637	4,368	352	203	1,633	160	14	58	1,640	208	-
	April	8,837	1,805	326	214	2,888	352	1	24	3,212	15	-
	May (P)	13,864	7,580	218	103	2,177	377	5	60	3,323	21	-

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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

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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																
					2015				2016	2015												2016				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Mar	Jun	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May (P)
New Zealand	19,779	19,800	22,418	20,293	4,328	4,621	5,580	5,763	3,809	1,423	1,312	1,593	1,220	1,692	1,710	1,753	1,874	1,953	1,817	2,146	1,800	926	1,173	1,710	1,265	2,052
Australia	95,089	81,995	67,965	57,224	13,489	12,410	14,713	16,612	9,412	3,893	4,208	5,388	6,594	1,770	4,045	5,275	5,123	4,315	6,091	6,137	4,384	3,394	3,780	2,239	4,535	3,573
American Samoa	10,680	13,051	7,348	24,943	2,335	5,325	11,165	6,118	6,418	296	505	1,534	1,294	1,538	2,493	4,506	3,108	3,551	2,721	2,068	1,329	3,116	1,220	2,082	408	4,511
Fiji	1,291	3,497	3,551	3,944	1,011	698	1,439	797	1,116	392	372	247	148	279	271	492	365	582	242	303	252	492	305	319	271	487
Tokelau	4,662	10,377	3,123	3,772	859	1,177	508	1,227	1,483	251	280	329	299	301	577	139	267	102	716	366	144	861	489	132	191	179
New Caledonia	235	151	9	11	0	6	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	55	58
Tonga	21	190	126	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	1	0	1	-	-	0	-	0	0	1
French Polynesia	2,982	368	268	54	37	9	6	2	0	37	-	-	-	9	-	-	0	6	2	-	-	-	0	-	0	-
Japan	2,150	717	325	5,214	0	1,318	1,878	2,019	537	-	-	-	386	592	340	632	192	1,054	886	220	914	304	129	104	213	853
Singapore	1,127	2,871	4,097	2,209	612	313	789	494	264	280	280	53	97	120	96	241	204	344	116	79	298	76	125	62	200	70
United Kingdom	236	1,355	268	149	0	0	149	0	144	-	-	-	-	-	0	149	0	-	0	0	0	-	-	144	-	-
United States of America	5,058	4,177	4,441	7,256	490	886	3,476	2,404	1,976	107	225	158	218	235	433	1,747	611	1,118	1,234	640	529	536	585	855	656	1,213
Other countries	33,117	5,555	3,462	10,947	842	1,629	5,133	3,343	3,098	179	350	312	274	618	737	1,482	1,932	1,720	681	1,178	1,484	1,365	744	989	1,043	869
Total Exports	176,428	144,103	117,400	136,018	24,003	28,393	44,840	38,782	28,256	6,858	7,532	9,614	10,530	7,157	10,706	16,417	13,677	14,745	14,507	13,140	11,135	11,069	8,550	8,637	8,837	13,864

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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- ricants & Related			Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manufactured Goods Classified		Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In
				In-edible, Except Fuels	Materials	Chiefly By Material			Machinery & Transport Equipment	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	
2015	855,390	214,576	10,141	20,136	126,996	4,835	69,000	151,599	157,332	100,722	54	
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
2016	220,835	50,951	3,285	4,580	33,120	1,556	15,466	40,926	47,508	23,439	3	
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	77,051	20,461	1,369	2,519	11,080	41	5,735	16,046	10,994	8,803	3
2016	January	74,690	17,167	490	2,394	10,498	710	4,967	12,929	16,294	9,240	1
	February	75,475	17,522	1,452	667	11,559	437	5,094	16,104	16,282	6,355	2
	March	70,670	16,262	1,343	1,519	11,064	409	5,405	11,893	14,931	7,843	1
	April	62,167	18,252	895	1,056	1,123	490	4,883	11,641	13,668	10,159	-
	May (P)	99,736	23,859	1,193	2,553	16,332	453	6,428	12,915	19,788	16,211	3

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

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Export	Annual				Quarter				Month															
					2015				2016	2015												2016		
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May (P)
New Zealand	215,244	254,361	250,392	253,903	62,560	57,304	69,752	64,287	55,774	24,077	17,778	17,585	21,940	25,967	20,546	23,239	19,300	20,596	24,391	16,601	18,138	21,034	21,239	21,438
Australia	72,758	61,611	79,086	90,829	20,810	24,047	22,280	23,692	22,507	7,894	6,509	8,243	9,295	10,008	3,922	8,350	8,215	7,934	7,544	10,129	7,959	4,419	11,658	13,386
Fiji	45,390	48,843	48,140	58,180	10,859	13,685	15,398	18,238	15,543	4,313	3,930	5,405	4,350	6,488	3,414	5,496	6,114	7,056	5,067	5,817	5,888	3,838	7,448	7,044
United States of America	100,779	105,248	90,139	82,683	15,514	24,409	20,120	22,640	20,370	5,249	8,734	7,932	7,744	5,827	5,544	8,749	7,298	5,973	9,370	6,028	8,520	5,822	6,034	10,076
China, Peoples Republic of	62,549	69,325	93,819	103,716	32,046	23,900	24,138	23,632	31,739	7,771	6,294	5,592	12,014	9,763	6,148	8,226	5,364	7,489	10,779	9,904	11,657	10,177	4,629	10,311
Hong Kong	11,567	14,711	12,474	11,089	2,363	1,717	3,159	3,850	2,405	953	654	517	546	910	857	1,391	823	1,780	1,247	1,219	471	716	1,997	1,137
Indonesia	17,707	13,420	13,445	14,388	4,123	3,453	2,758	4,055	3,539	1,767	1,352	1,204	897	904	624	1,230	803	2,091	1,161	1,644	1,079	816	1,067	1,353
Japan	32,240	31,275	32,724	42,362	8,856	9,094	10,395	14,018	9,522	4,697	2,352	4,647	2,095	4,068	2,260	4,067	4,624	6,904	2,489	4,458	515	4,549	1,947	4,319
Malaysia	7,663	13,274	9,993	22,851	11,219	2,115	2,807	6,710	8,980	1,132	355	948	812	1,445	697	665	834	5,015	861	1,151	6,589	1,241	180	2,282
Philippines	1,616	2,404	848	788	293	140	166	189	102	0	64	48	28	149	16	2	61	101	26	47	56	-	-	561
Singapore	182,250	193,942	218,448	132,528	24,593	35,185	37,926	34,824	34,316	9,560	12,388	10,961	11,835	14,811	10,937	12,179	12,919	11,004	10,901	11,385	11,285	11,647	2,405	17,339
Thailand	11,701	19,974	20,249	19,355	4,929	3,025	6,005	5,396	5,502	1,743	410	1,194	1,421	3,524	1,118	1,363	2,019	1,781	1,596	2,133	1,490	1,879	1,701	2,541
India	1,065	3,364	2,975	1,080	400	120	209	351	866	306	57	44	19	165	21	22	120	14	217	662	99	106	145	131
Korea Democratic People's	825	1,713	2,505	1,607	689	226	519	172	959	168	40	78	107	97	364	58	92	80	-	532	-	427	73	711
Korea Republic of	1,919	2,289	1,845	830	268	292	64	205	523	154	98	134	60	64	-	-	137	68	229	123	171	89	160	
Papua New Guinea	2,136	2,395	1,362	1,208	208	258	412	330	257	99	100	5	154	150	216	47	37	293	0	81	40	135	11	48
Tonga	528	954	1,143	643	169	96	149	229	206	80	3	70	22	119	26	5	39	32	159	103	4	99	2	1,749
Taiwan, Province of China	2,062	2,258	2,567	3,128	368	908	1,092	759	746	0	617	145	147	260	361	472	357	249	153	106	361	278	463	810
Viet Nam	3,018	1,774	2,222	5,890	248	559	3,036	2,047	1,194	248	-	192	367	1,606	571	858	620	711	716	511	193	489	121	627
Other countries	18,955	8,158	10,948	8,332	2,150	2,024	2,432	1,726	5,784	1,008	736	631	656	1,403	740	290	1,114	306	306	1,951	1,008	2,826	955	3,711
Total Imports	791,974	851,292	895,326	855,390	202,664	202,557	222,818	227,350	220,835	71,217	62,472	65,575	74,510	87,728	58,382	76,708	70,753	79,546	77,851	74,690	75,475	70,670	62,167	99,736

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.