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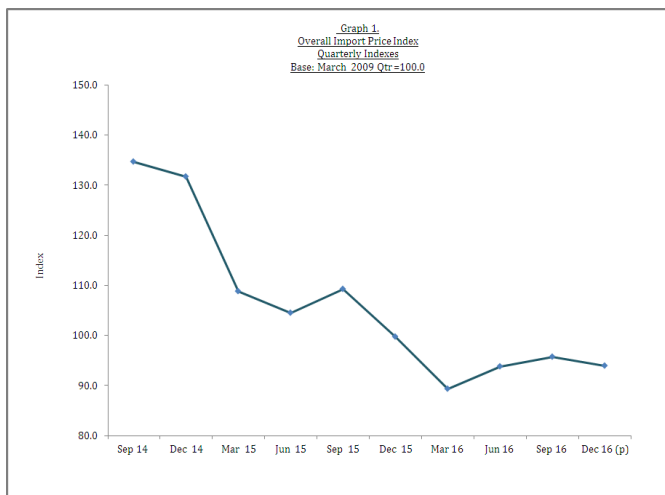
IMPORT PRICE INDEX – December 2016 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2009 quarter = 100.0)

Highlights of the quarter

- Import Price Index fell 3.0 percent from the September 2016 quarter.
- Mineral Products index recorded the largest decrease (down 5.9 percent).

Overview

The Import Price Index for the December 2016 quarter showed an overall decrease of 3.0 percent from the September 2016 quarter. The decrease was mainly driven by mineral products index. In comparison with the December 2015 quarter, the current import price index fell 6.9 percent. See table 1 and graph 1.



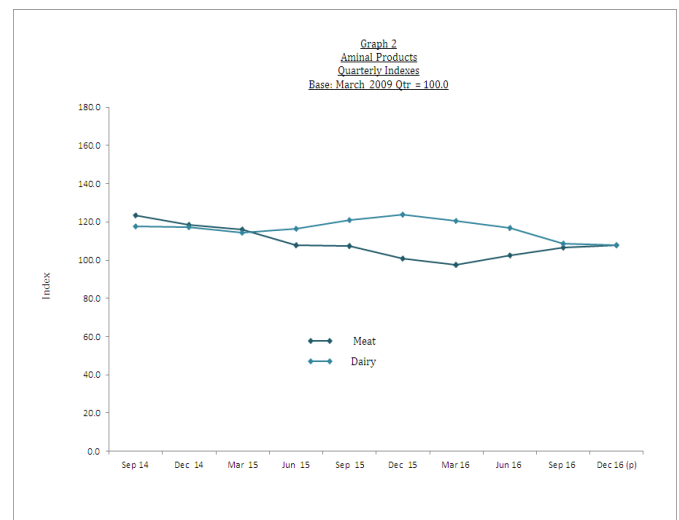
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HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products prices rise 0.5%.

Import prices for Live Animals and Animal Products in the December 2016 quarter rose 0.5 percent, following a 0.4 percent rise in the September 2016 quarter. The current increase was mainly driven by higher prices of meat

products, reflecting higher prices of sheep meats. In comparison with the December 2015 quarter, the current live animals and animal products index increased 0.3 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending December 2016 over the four quarters ending December 2015, the current overall animals and animal products index decreased 4.2 percent. See tables 1 and 2 and graph 2.

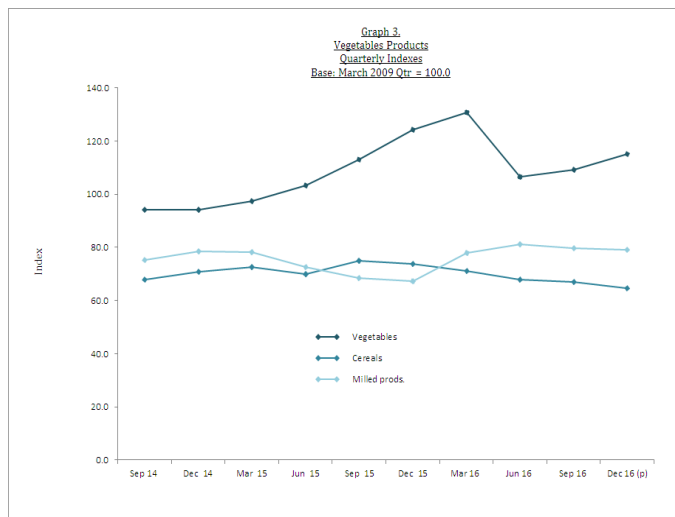


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HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices fall 0.2%.

Import prices for vegetable products fell 0.2 percent in the December 2016 quarter, following a 0.6 percent fall in the September 2016 quarter. Mainly responsible for the current fall were lower prices of cereals (down 3.7 percent) and milled products (down 0.9 percent). In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2015, the current vegetables products index increased 2.1 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending December 2016 over the four quarters ending December 2015, the current overall vegetable products index increased 4.4 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3.

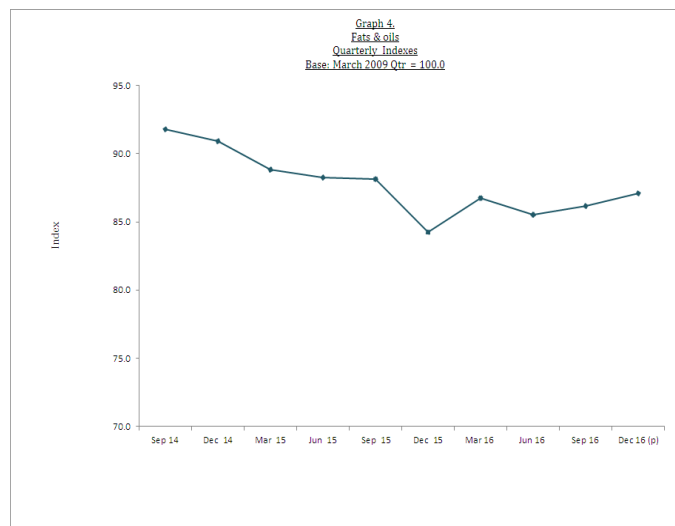


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HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices rise 1.1%.

Import prices for animal or vegetable fats and oils rose 1.1 percent in the December 2016 quarter, following a 0.7 percent rise in the September 2016 quarter. The rise over the previous quarter was mainly influenced by higher prices of hydrogenated oils (up 3.3 percent). When compared with the December 2015 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oils index increased 3.4 percent.

The four quarters ending December 2016 showed a decrease of 1.1 percent in the overall index for animal or vegetable fats and oils over the four quarters ending December 2015. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4.

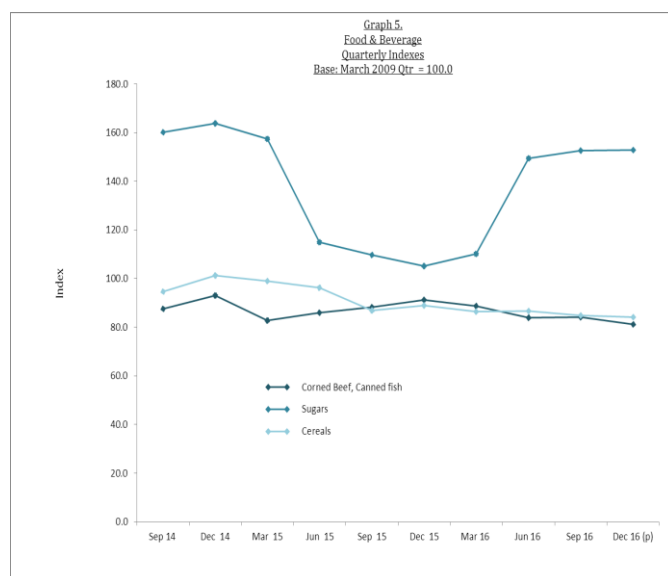


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 4: Food and Beverages prices fall 1.4 %.

Food and Beverages import prices fell 1.4 percent in the December 2016 quarter, following a 0.3 percent increase in the September 2016 quarter. The current fall was mainly driven by lower prices of canned fish (down 6 percent). In comparison with the December 2015 quarter, the current food and beverages index increased 5.9 percent.

In comparing the four quarters ending December 2016 over the four quarters ending December 2015, the overall food and beverages index increased 1.2 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5.

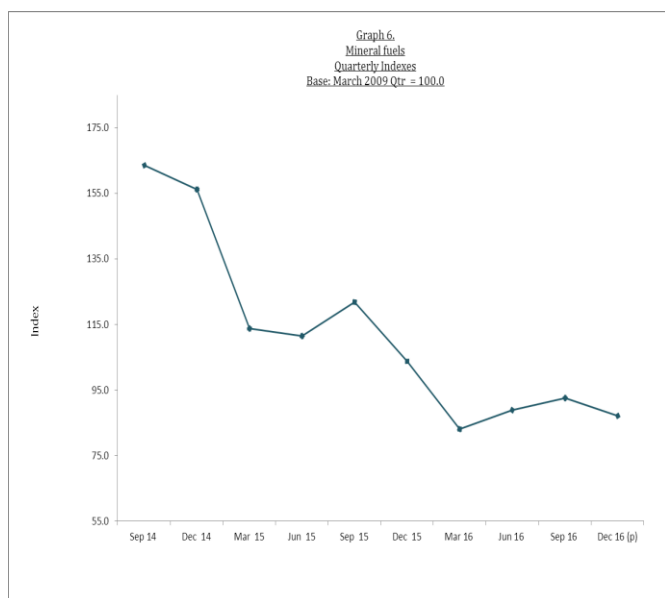


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HS Section 5: Mineral Products price fall 5.9%.

In the December 2016 quarter, mineral products import prices fell 5.9 percent from the September 2016 quarter with lower petroleum oils prices the driver for the decrease. When compared with the December 2015 quarter, the current mineral products index decreased 15.9 percent.

The overall mineral products index in the four quarters ending December 2016 was 22 percent lower than the four quarters ending December 2015. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 6.



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Technical Notes

The Import Price Index (MPI) measures changes in the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) prices of imports of merchandise into Samoa. It is a fixed weight index with March 2009 quarter = 100.0 and is calculated on a quarterly basis using the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS). The items included in the index were selected on the basis of their importance to the total import.

The scope of the MPI relates to the following sections of the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS): 1. Live Animals: Animal Products, 2. Vegetable Products, 3. Animal or Vegetable fats and oils, 4. Food and Beverages and 5. Mineral Products, The index represents 50 percent of total Imports.

If you would like more information about the Import Price Index for December 2016 quarter, please contact the Economics Division of the Samoa Bureau of Statistics at:



The March 2017 quarter MPI report is expected to be available on May 12th 2017.

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IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight	2014		2015				2016				% Change	
			Sep 14	Dec 14	Mar 15	Jun 15	Sep 15	Dec 15	Mar 16	Jun 16	Sep 16	Dec 16 (p)	Dec 16 / Sep - 16	Dec 16 / Dec 15
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	73.7	121.9	118.1	115.6	110.4	111.4	107.5	104.2	106.9	107.3	107.9	0.5	0.3
2	Meat	71.2	123.5	118.5	116.0	107.8	107.5	100.9	97.5	102.8	106.7	107.8	1.1	6.9
4	Dairy	28.8	117.8	117.3	114.7	116.7	121.2	124.0	120.6	117.0	108.9	107.9	-0.9	-13.0
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	37.9	76.0	78.7	79.6	76.9	78.1	79.0	84.7	81.2	80.8	80.6	-0.2	2.1
7	Vegetables	17.0	94.2	94.3	97.4	103.3	113.0	124.4	130.8	106.5	109.2	115.2	5.5	-7.4
10	Cereals	31.7	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	73.6	71.0	67.7	67.0	64.5	-3.7	-12.4
11	Milled prods.	51.3	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	67.3	78.0	81.2	79.9	79.1	-0.9	17.6
III.	FATS & OILS	7.3	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	84.3	86.7	85.6	86.2	87.1	1.1	3.4
15	Fats & oils	100.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	84.3	86.7	85.6	86.2	87.1	1.1	3.4
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	77.1	107.2	112.8	106.0	96.3	92.9	93.8	93.1	100.5	100.8	99.4	-1.4	5.9
16	Comed Beef, Canned fish	43.6	87.5	93.2	82.9	86.0	88.3	91.3	88.9	83.9	84.2	81.3	-3.4	-11.0
17	Sugars	24.0	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	105.1	110.0	149.4	152.6	152.8	0.1	45.3
19	Cereals	32.4	94.6	101.3	98.9	96.1	86.8	88.9	86.3	86.5	84.7	84.1	-0.7	-5.3
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	193.1	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	88.8	92.6	87.2	-5.9	-15.9
27	Mineral fuels	100	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	88.8	92.6	87.2	-5.9	-15.9
	Total, All groups	389.1	134.7	131.6	108.8	104.4	109.3	99.7	89.3	93.7	95.7	92.9	-3.0	-6.9

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

(P) Provisional figures

IMPORT PRICE INDEX
Base: March 2009 Quarter = 100.0

Table 2

	Weight	2014		2015				2016				%Change Dec 16/Sep 16
		Sep 2014	Dec 2014	Mar 2015	Jun 2015	Sep 2015	Dec 2015	Mar 2016	Jun 2016	Sep 2016	Dec 2016	
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS												
02 Meat	100.0	123.5	118.5	116.0	107.8	107.5	100.9	97.5	102.8	106.7	107.8	1.1
0204 Sheep	33.7	190.6	183.6	176.6	167.3	165.8	162.4	155.7	156.7	164.8	174.4	5.8
0207 Poultry	66.3	89.5	85.4	85.1	77.6	77.8	69.6	67.9	75.4	77.1	74.0	-4.0
04 Dairy	100.0	117.8	117.3	114.7	116.7	121.2	124.0	120.6	117.0	108.9	107.9	-0.9
0401 Milk	42.0	117.8	116.3	113.8	116.9	109.7	109.8	107.2	98.6	93.9	91.1	-3.1
0402 Milk, conc.	17.9	143.1	137.2	135.4	137.1	129.4	132.9	129.0	120.7	120.8	122.3	1.3
0405 Butter	24.1	84.1	85.3	83.5	86.1	79.7	85.5	83.0	85.3	90.2	90.1	-0.1
0407 Eggs	16.0	140.3	145.6	140.9	139.7	204.6	209.3	203.1	208.7	162.9	162.9	0.0
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS												
07 Vegetables	100.0	94.2	94.3	97.4	103.3	113.0	124.4	130.8	106.5	109.2	115.2	5.5
0701 Potatoes	56.5	104.7	99.7	101.6	130.4	121.4	127.2	149.7	110.5	88.9	89.5	0.7
0703 Onions	43.5	80.4	87.3	91.9	68.2	102.1	120.8	106.3	101.4	135.5	148.5	9.6
10 Cereals	100.0	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	73.6	71.0	67.7	67.0	64.5	-3.7
1006 Rice	100.0	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	73.6	71.0	67.7	67.0	64.5	-3.7
11 Milled prods.	100.0	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	67.3	78.0	81.2	79.9	79.1	-0.9
1101 Wheat	100.0	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	67.3	78.0	81.2	79.9	79.1	-0.9
III. FATS & OILS												
15 Fats & oils	100.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	84.3	86.7	85.6	86.2	87.1	1.1
1507 Soya-bean	27.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
1516 Hydrogenated	36.7	79.3	81.4	78.1	73.8	74.8	69.6	79.0	73.5	73.6	76.0	3.3
1517 Margarine	35.7	98.3	93.7	91.2	94.0	92.7	87.0	84.4	86.7	88.3	88.5	0.1
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO												
16 Meat, fish	100.0	87.5	93.2	82.9	86.0	88.3	91.3	88.9	83.9	84.2	81.3	-3.4
1602 Corned Beef	31.0	100.2	102.1	102.8	104.4	103.3	101.4	108.3	116.5	118.1	118.1	0.0
1604 Canned fish	69.0	81.8	89.2	73.9	77.7	81.5	86.8	80.1	69.3	68.9	64.8	-6.0
17 Sugars	100.0	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	105.1	110.0	149.4	152.6	152.8	0.1
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	105.1	110.0	149.4	152.6	152.8	0.1
19 Cereals	100.0	94.6	101.3	98.9	96.1	86.8	88.9	86.3	86.5	84.7	84.1	-0.7
1902 Pasta	56.0	100.7	108.9	105.5	104.7	86.4	90.5	86.8	86.1	83.2	82.0	-1.4
1905 Bread	44.0	86.7	91.5	90.5	85.3	87.3	86.7	85.8	86.9	86.7	86.9	0.2
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS												
27 Mineral fuels	100.0	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	88.8	92.6	87.2	-5.9
2710 Petroleum oils	100.0	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	88.8	92.6	87.2	-5.9

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