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Merchandise Trade August 2017

Highlights of the month

Exports¹

- ✚ Exports were valued at \$11.5 million, increasing 27.9 percent from July 2017.
- ✚ Exports of 'Food and live animal' commodities recorded the largest increase from July 2017, reflecting higher value of fish exports (up \$1.7 million).
- ✚ 'Food and live animal' exports remained the top commodity groups exported during August 2017, representing 58.2 percent of total exports value.
- ✚ Exports to American Samoa recorded the largest increase (up \$966 thousand) from July 2017.

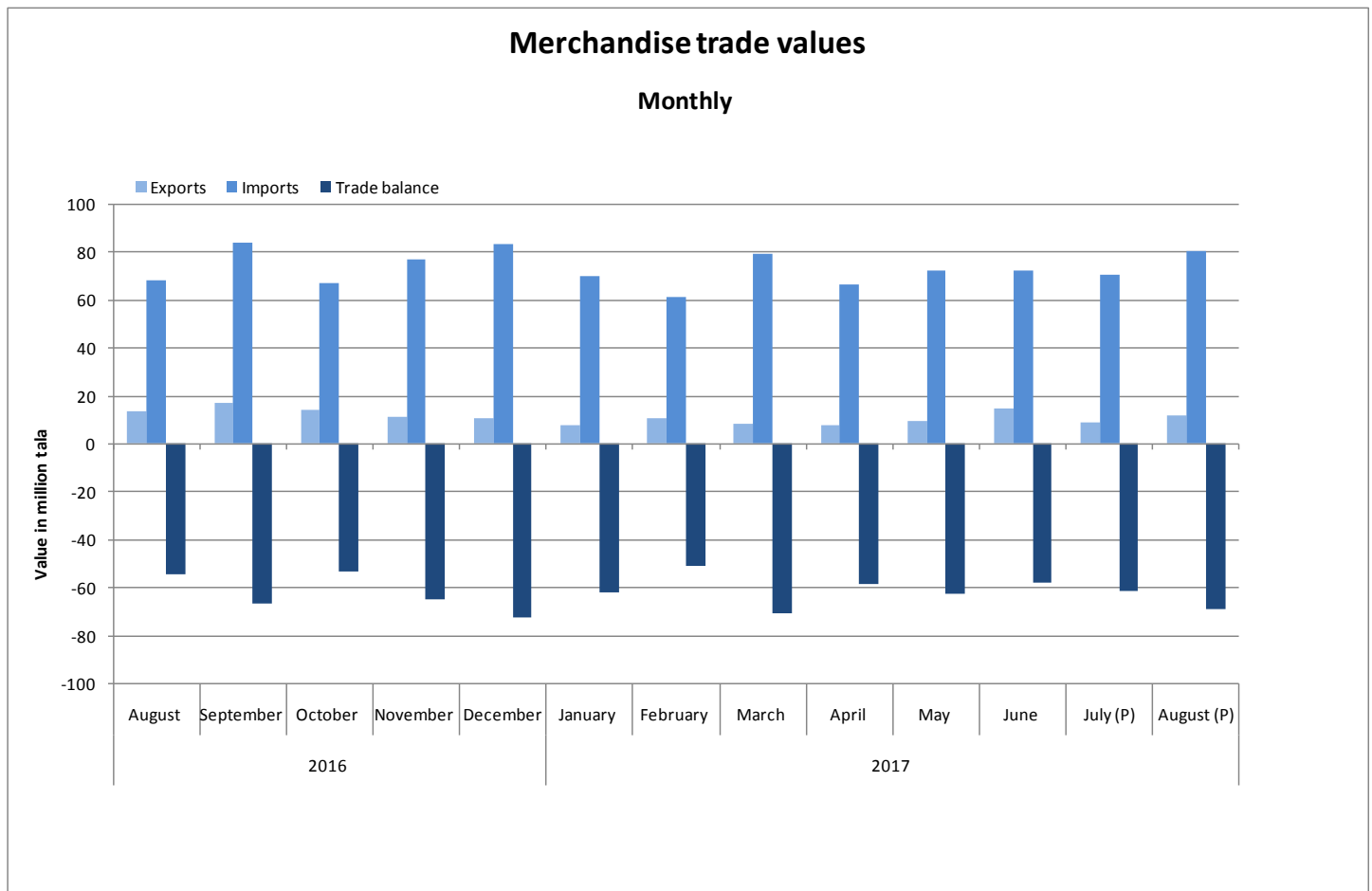
Imports

- ✚ Imports were valued at \$80.4 million, increasing 14.3 percent from July 2017.
- ✚ Imports of 'Machinery and transport equipment' and 'Food and live animals' were mainly responsible for the increase.
- ✚ 'Food and live animals' imports remained the top commodity groups imported during August 2017, representing 29.2 percent of total imports value.
- ✚ Imports from Australia, China and Thailand recorded largest increases from July 2017.

Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$80.4 million) exceeded that of exports (\$11.5 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$68.9 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-SAD) which is 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 2017 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on November 13th 2017.

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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	117,773	895,326	-777,553	
2015	136,018	855,390	-719,372	
2016	143,755	899,005	-755,250	
Three months ended				
Mar 13	28,360	176,841	-148,482	
June 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	
June 14	26,391	218,223	-191,833	
Sep 14	38,971	246,873	-207,902	
Dec 14	29,123	228,409	-199,286	
Mar 15	24,003	202,664	-178,660	
June 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	28,256	220,835	-192,579	
June 16	35,098	226,981	-191,883	
Sep 16	44,936	224,418	-179,482	
Dec 16	35,466	226,772	-191,306	
Mar 17	25,871	210,126	-184,255	
June 17 (P)	31,138	210,684	-179,546	
Monthly				
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	13,864	94,359	-80,495
	June	12,397	70,454	-58,057
	July	14,810	72,763	-57,953
	August	13,398	68,101	-54,703
	September	16,728	83,555	-66,827
	October	13,807	67,043	-53,237
	November	11,224	76,588	-65,364
	December	10,435	83,140	-72,705
2017	January	7,690	69,698	-62,008
	February	10,181	61,294	-51,113
	March	8,000	79,134	-71,134
	April	7,589	66,272	-58,684
	May	9,191	72,040	-62,849
	June	14,358	72,371	-58,013
	July (P)	8,952	70,292	-61,340
	August (P)	11,450	80,356	-68,905

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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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 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	40,559	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	117,773	14,933	7,681	1,022	39,790	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	-	
2016	143,755	60,826	4,532	1,993	30,888	2,242	249	975	40,685	1,366	0	
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	58	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	26,391	2,901	1,506	146	10,806	1,030	73	9,338	535	-	
	Qtr 3	38,971	4,528	1,869	196	12,250	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	-	
2016	Qtr 1	28,256	12,761	740	941	5,614	160	46	7,044	583	-	
	Qtr 2	35,098	14,147	868	566	7,805	1,097	30	10,201	217	-	
	Qtr 3	44,936	19,552	796	264	9,440	526	107	13,579	452	0	
	Qtr 4	35,466	14,365	2,128	222	8,030	458	66	9,860	114	-	
2017	Qtr 1	25,871	8,711	1,203	609	7,425	496	545	643	5,954	286	-
	Qtr 2	31,138	17,313	1,244	658	8,335	715	144	737	1,174	818	-
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	13,864	7,580	218	103	2,177	377	5	60	3,323	21	-
	June	12,397	4,762	324	248	2,740	369	24	83	3,666	180	-
	July	14,810	4,787	305	52	3,293	-	20	70	6,038	245	-
	August	13,398	6,508	265	54	3,044	227	77	35	3,100	89	0
	September	16,728	8,257	226	158	3,103	299	10	116	4,441	118	-
	October	13,807	5,267	621	93	2,800	120	12	9	4,867	18	-
	November	11,224	3,125	953	54	2,119	328	10	77	4,472	84	-
	December	10,435	5,974	553	75	3,111	10	44	135	521	12	-
2017	January	7,690	2,515	294	262	2,929	394	24	256	976	40	-
	February	10,181	2,312	566	159	2,036	102	0	294	4,599	113	-
	March	8,000	3,884	343	188	2,460	-	521	93	379	132	-
	April	7,589	4,555	236	221	2,043	180	13	40	279	21	-
	May	9,191	4,065	448	162	3,470	105	62	195	208	477	-
	June	14,358	8,693	559	276	2,822	429	69	502	687	319	-
	July (P)	8,952	4,703	345	93	2,806	6	49	220	586	146	-
	August (P)	11,450	6,663	477	60	2,675	1	214	142	1,049	169	-

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Table 3: Exports (value) by major countries of Destination

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Destination	Annually				Quarterly						Monthly													
					2016				2017		2016						2017							
	2013	2014	2015	2016	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June (P)	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July (P)	July (P)
New Zealand	19,800	22,628	20,201	17,181	3,809	4,296	4,137	4,939	4,892	6,314	1,203	1,657	1,277	1,800	1,609	1,531	1,652	1,026	2,214	2,427	2,147	1,741	1,152	1,764
Australia	81,995	68,294	57,224	51,623	9,412	12,856	16,941	12,414	9,790	5,707	7,073	4,264	5,603	5,665	5,273	1,475	2,632	5,509	1,649	1,512	2,106	2,089	1,732	2,111
American Samoa	13,051	7,348	24,943	37,059	6,418	8,027	13,291	9,324	3,404	9,070	3,439	3,878	5,974	3,158	1,645	4,520	955	1,312	1,136	1,477	1,675	5,919	3,450	4,416
Fiji	3,633	3,551	3,944	4,575	1,116	1,181	1,128	1,151	1,288	1,176	270	429	429	226	294	631	293	265	730	328	308	539	356	334
Tokelau	10,208	3,004	3,864	4,236	1,483	870	872	1,012	1,565	2,599	346	358	168	335	282	395	458	834	273	127	796	1,676	789	932
China	319	18	1,904	2,050	990	550	345	164	469	127	40	266	39	38	42	85	311	117	42	85	42	0	144	43
Taiwan	593	489	5,766	7,576	1,215	1,772	2,179	2,410	1,134	1,416	790	570	819	849	516	1,045	629	269	236	294	487	635	562	643
Japan	717	325	5,214	4,238	537	1,413	1,303	985	690	1,208	246	591	467	581	141	263	281	132	277	308	423	477	124	815
Singapore	2,871	4,097	2,209	1,619	264	391	823	141	122	271	360	325	139	83	40	18	38	20	64	43	147	81	134	115
United States of America	4,177	4,441	7,256	9,592	1,976	2,351	3,067	2,198	2,140	2,005	952	897	1,218	1,017	927	254	401	519	1,220	955	395	654	386	131
Other countries	6,739	3,581	3,494	4,006	1,037	1,391	848	729	376	1,245	92	163	594	54	457	219	39	177	160	33	664	548	125	144
Total Exports	144,103	117,773	136,018	143,755	28,256	35,098	44,936	35,466	25,871	31,138	14,810	13,398	16,728	13,807	11,224	10,435	7,690	10,181	8,000	7,589	9,191	14,358	8,952	11,450

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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- rants & Related			Chemicals & Related Products	Manufactured Goods Classified		Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	
				In-edible, Except Fuels	Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chiefly By Material		Machinery & Transport Equipment				
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	
2016	899,005	235,810	12,568	21,317	122,284	5,654	67,573	144,926	190,595	98,260	18	
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	Qtr 1	220,835	50,951	3,285	4,580	33,120	1,556	15,466	40,926	47,508	23,439	3
	Qtr 2	226,981	59,073	2,978	5,326	33,723	1,416	15,529	35,967	45,769	27,195	3
	Qtr 3	224,418	63,216	2,838	5,409	22,403	1,068	19,529	33,869	49,429	26,650	7
	Qtr 4	226,772	62,570	3,467	6,002	33,037	1,616	17,049	34,163	47,888	20,976	4
2017	Qtr 1	210,126	54,924	2,756	6,199	35,107	928	13,679	35,651	43,989	16,891	1
	Qtr 2	210,684	51,563	2,655	6,861	35,995	1,685	15,341	39,583	31,710	25,287	5
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	94,359	23,859	1,193	2,553	16,332	453	6,428	12,915	19,788	10,835	3
	June	70,454	16,961	890	1,716	16,269	472	4,218	11,412	12,314	6,201	-
	July	72,763	22,637	924	1,873	901	290	7,917	10,984	19,678	7,553	7
	August	68,101	18,567	677	1,567	11,104	192	4,885	9,641	13,947	7,521	-
	September	83,555	22,012	1,237	1,969	10,399	586	6,727	13,244	15,804	11,577	-
	October	67,043	18,080	1,035	1,778	11,202	335	5,090	10,239	13,420	5,865	0
	November	76,588	21,874	1,153	2,150	9,269	762	5,451	11,662	16,556	7,708	4
	December	83,140	22,616	1,279	2,075	12,566	519	6,508	12,262	17,913	7,403	-
2017	January	69,698	17,715	567	2,833	10,424	346	4,276	11,382	15,432	6,723	1
	February	61,294	16,875	814	1,248	11,991	145	4,223	9,380	12,259	4,359	-
	March	79,134	20,335	1,375	2,119	12,691	437	5,180	14,889	16,298	5,809	-
	April	66,272	15,975	854	1,989	11,362	524	5,091	11,753	9,379	9,343	2
	May	72,040	18,745	913	2,467	11,738	559	5,790	12,345	11,762	7,722	-
	June	72,371	16,843	887	2,405	12,896	602	4,460	15,485	10,568	8,222	3
	July (P)	70,292	18,350	874	2,308	11,335	309	7,155	11,279	10,341	8,341	-
	August (P)	80,356	23,426	716	1,341	10,763	522	5,127	11,577	17,805	9,079	1

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

Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Export	Annually				Quarterly								Monthly											
					2016				2017				2016				2017							
	2013	2014	2015	2016	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June (P)	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July(P)	Aug(P)
New Zealand	254,361	250,392	253,903	239,876	55,774	62,239	59,003	62,861	56,304	56,404	20,752	18,139	20,111	19,816	21,643	21,402	20,573	13,702	22,029	16,192	21,436	18,776	21,030	19,579
Australia	61,611	79,086	90,829	95,104	22,507	24,964	22,061	25,572	19,822	25,323	7,088	7,393	7,580	6,552	8,143	10,877	5,245	6,662	7,915	7,238	9,001	9,084	7,251	11,452
Fiji	48,843	48,140	58,180	67,542	15,543	17,694	18,271	16,034	12,083	10,827	6,619	5,166	6,486	3,682	5,499	6,853	3,200	3,435	5,448	3,472	4,317	3,038	4,953	4,287
United States of America	105,248	90,139	82,683	92,621	20,370	24,866	24,211	23,174	20,280	22,961	9,312	6,586	8,313	6,655	7,029	9,491	7,450	7,322	5,508	7,502	7,859	7,600	8,097	8,459
China, Peoples Republic of	69,325	93,819	103,716	107,063	31,739	21,724	31,850	21,750	21,641	10,748	10,903	5,583	15,364	5,676	8,944	7,130	8,065	5,824	7,752	55	4,863	5,830	7,451	11,351
Hong Kong	14,711	12,474	11,089	20,285	2,405	4,441	6,635	6,804	4,844	7,026	2,583	1,751	2,300	1,088	2,812	2,903	3,158	339	1,347	2,299	1,030	3,697	3,026	4,054
Indonesia	13,420	13,445	14,388	13,998	3,539	3,760	3,506	3,192	2,633	3,072	1,055	871	1,581	689	1,319	1,183	398	513	1,722	678	1,264	1,130	608	591
Japan	31,275	32,724	42,362	44,649	9,522	8,814	13,867	12,446	13,566	5,191	4,776	4,971	4,119	3,741	4,815	3,891	4,457	4,014	5,095	1,316	1,856	2,019	1,856	2,709
Malaysia	13,274	9,993	22,851	19,466	8,980	4,336	2,731	3,419	2,303	1,477	1,010	715	1,005	1,271	1,040	1,108	413	874	1,016	560	142	775	658	551
Philippines	2,404	848	788	2,282	102	561	592	1,027	310	332	42	291	258	556	106	366	3	58	249	126	203	3	1	212
Singapore	193,942	218,448	132,528	130,711	34,316	36,658	24,314	35,423	37,623	36,791	933	11,586	11,795	11,967	10,227	13,229	10,574	14,822	12,227	11,648	12,167	12,976	11,008	9,956
Thailand	19,974	20,249	19,355	24,274	5,502	4,628	7,575	6,569	4,429	2,310	2,771	2,752	2,052	2,217	3,064	1,288	2,047	1,562	820	994	945	371	467	2,866
India	3,364	2,975	1,080	3,161	866	417	977	900	515	399	246	179	552	445	71	384	328	46	140	276	66	57	14	655
Korea Democratic People's	1,713	2,505	1,607	3,996	959	1,102	1,732	204	1,605	323	492	931	309	61	98	45	704	339	562	323	-	-	108	560
Korea Republic of	2,289	1,845	830	1,437	523	363	119	433	6,344	3,272	82	2	34	2	72	358	1,665	806	3,873	1,168	587	1,517	524	1,433
Papua New Guinea	2,395	1,362	1,208	823	257	151	223	192	212	93	76	128	19	94	96	2	63	7	142	1	4	87	87	84
Tonga	954	1,143	643	2,248	206	1,876	53	112	54	29	0	53	0	64	24	24	4	10	40	1	20	8	-	-
Taiwan, Province of China	2,258	2,567	3,128	4,932	746	1,747	1,172	1,267	651	389	216	331	625	484	224	558	176	193	281	13	165	210	1	125
Viet Nam	1,774	2,222	5,890	4,560	1,194	1,183	871	1,312	590	9,839	-	338	533	611	507	194	218	101	271	5,296	106	4,437	261	372
Other countries	8,158	10,948	8,332	19,976	5,784	5,456	4,655	4,081	4,317	13,880	3,808	331	516	1,371	856	1,854	955	666	2,696	7,113	6,008	758	2,891	1,060
Total Imports	851,292	895,326	855,390	899,005	220,835	226,981	224,418	226,772	210,126	210,684	72,763	68,101	83,555	67,043	76,588	83,140	69,698	61,294	79,134	66,272	72,040	72,371	70,292	80,356

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.

"0" - insignificant value

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