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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### MERCHANDISE TRADE September 2017 quarter

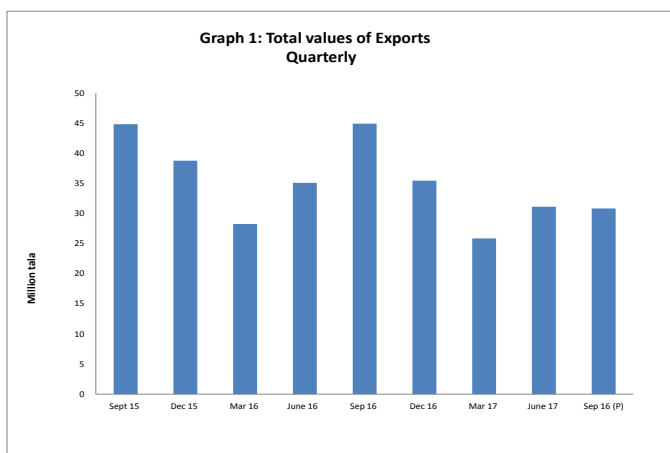
#### Highlights of the quarter

- Exports value decreased 1.0 percent to \$30.8 million from the June 2017 quarter.
- Imports value rose 11.8 percent to \$235.5 million from the June 2017 quarter.
- Trade deficit valued at \$204.6 million.

#### Overview

##### Value of Exports

In the September 2017 quarter, exports were valued at \$30.8 million. This value was 1.0 percent lower than the previous quarter. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower values of vegetable products reflecting lower values of taro and coconut exports. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of exports decreased 31.4 percent. (See Table 1,2,3 and Graph 1)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2017 showed a 16.2 percent fall in the total value of exports when

compared with the four quarters ending September 2016.

#### Top export commodities<sup>1</sup>

**Fish** exports maintained the top commodities exported in the quarter under review, representing 37.6 percent (\$11.6 million) of total exports value. This value was 8.5 percent higher than the previous quarter but 22.9 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

**Petroleum oils<sup>2</sup>** exports followed with a total value of \$8.6 million, contributing 27.8 percent share of total exports value. This value was 3.3 percent higher than the previous quarter but 9.1 percent lower than the same quarter of 2016.

**Taro** exports came third with its value decreasing to \$2.8 million from \$3.5 million in the previous quarter, accounting for 9.0 percent of total exports value. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower value of taro exports to New Zealand. In comparison with the same quarter of 2016 quarter, the current value of taro was 84.0 percent higher.

**Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles** exports had a total value of \$1.3 million, accounting for 4.4 percent of total exports value, increasing 62.0 percent from the previous quarter but 89.7 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

**Beer** exports recorded a total value of \$1.2 million, accounting for 4.0 percent of total exports value. This value was 15.2 percent and 98.0 percent higher than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively. The current increase

<sup>1</sup> Includes re-export commodities

<sup>2</sup> Fuel re-exports for shipping vessels and airlines

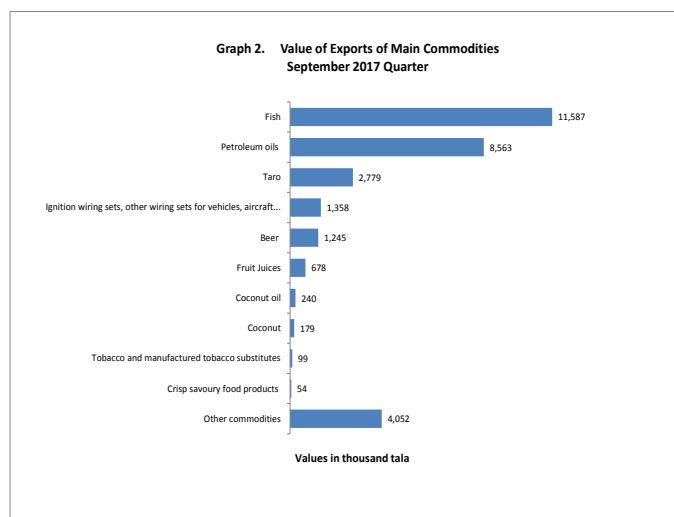
was mainly driven by higher values of exports to American Samoa.

**Fruit juices** exports had a total value of \$678 thousand, representing 2.2 percent of total exports value. This value was 54.6 percent and 68.4 percent lower than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.

**Coconut oil** exports valued at \$240 thousand, representing 0.8 percent of total exports value, decreasing 66.2 percent from the previous quarter and 54.4 percent from the same quarter last year.

**Coconut** exports had a total value of \$179 thousand, accounting for 0.6 percent of total exports value, decreasing 72.8 percent and 4.8 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.

Exports of **tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes products** increased 0.6 percent (to \$99 thousand) from the previous, contributing 0.3 percent of total exports value while exports of the **crisp savoury food products** increased 26.7 percent (to \$54 thousand) from the previous quarter, accounting for 0.2 percent of total exports value. Exports of other commodities valued at \$4.1 million, representing 13.1 percent of total exports value. (See Table 2, 3 and Graph 2)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Country of Destination for Exports

In the September 2017 quarter, **American Samoa** remained the largest export markets with its value increasing to \$11.1 million from \$9.1 million in the previous quarter, representing 35.9 percent of the total exports value. Mainly responsible for the current increase was higher values of fish exports.

In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of exports to American Samoa decreased 16.7 percent.

Exports to **Australia** had a total value of \$5.6 million, accounting for 18.1 percent of total exports value, decreasing 2.1 percent from the previous quarter and 67.0 percent from the same quarter last year.

Exports to **New Zealand** had a total value of \$5.5 million, accounting for 17.7 percent of total exports value, decreasing 13.6 percent from the previous quarter but 31.9 percent higher when compared with the same quarter last year.

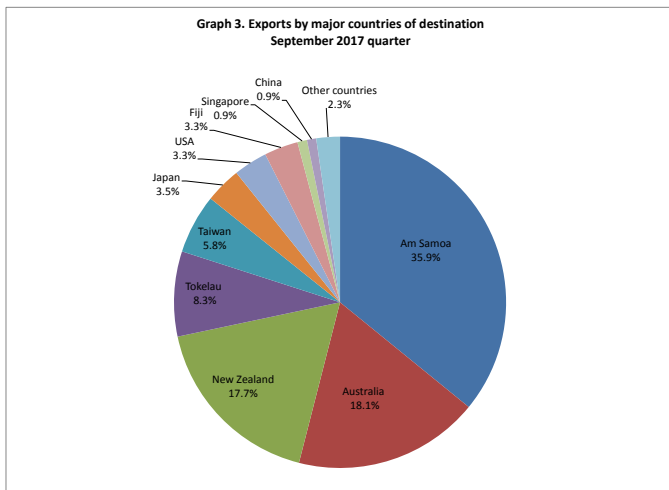
Exports to **Tokelau** decreased 2.1 percent (to \$2.5 million) from the previous quarter; accounting for 8.3 percent of total exports value. In comparison with same quarter of 2016, the current value of exports to Tokelau was three times higher.

Exports to **Taiwan** were valued at \$1.8 million, contributing 5.8 percent of total exports value, increasing 25.4 percent from the previous quarter but 18.5 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Exports to **Japan** had a total value of \$1.1 million, accounting for 3.5 percent of total export value, decreasing 10.4 percent and 17.0 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

Exports to **USA** and **Fiji** decreased from the previous quarter, accounting for 3.3 percent each of total exports value. Exports to USA recorded 48.7 percent and 66.5 percent lower than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively while exports to Fiji decreased 13.3 percent and 9.7 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively.

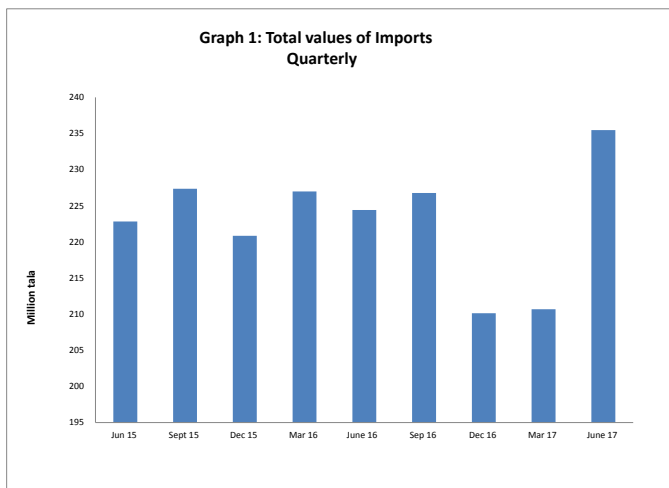
Exports to **Singapore** and **China** increased, accounting for 0.9 percent each of total exports value while other countries of destination for exports represented 2.3 percent of total exports value. (See Table 4 and Graph 3)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Value of Imports

In the September 2017 quarter, imports were valued at \$235.5 million. This value was 11.8 percent and 4.9 percent higher from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively. (See Table 1 and Graph 4)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2017 showed a decrease of 1.8 percent in the total value of imports when compared with the four quarters ending September 2016.

### Composition of Imports

In the September 2017 quarter, **mineral products** maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported, valued at \$36.5 million (15.5 percent of total imports value). This value was 8.4 percent lower than the previous quarter but 41.2 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

**Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof** increased 58.7 percent (to \$32.2 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 13.7 percent of total imports value. In comparison with the September 2016 quarter, the current value of machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof increased 10.6 percent.

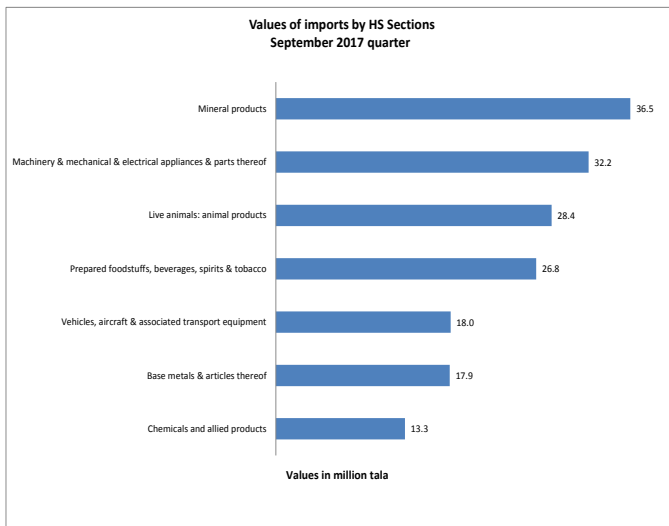
**Live animals, animal products** imports were valued at \$28.4 million, representing 12.1 percent of total imports value, increasing 33.6 percent and 10.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

Imports of **prepared foodstuff, beverages, spirit & tobacco** were valued at \$26.8 million, contributing 11.4 percent of total imports value, increasing 15.0 percent and 0.5 percent from the previous quarter and corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.

Imports of **vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment** had a total value of \$18.0 million, accounting for 7.7 percent of total imports value, increasing 63.4 percent from the previous quarter but 12.1 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Imports of **base metals & articles thereof** had a total value of \$17.9 million, contributing 7.6 percent of total imports value, decreasing 25.8 percent from the previous quarter but 21.0 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

**Chemicals and allied products** decreased 5.5 percent (to \$13.3 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.6 percent of total imports value while all the remaining HS Sections accounted for less than 5.0 percent each with a combined total value of \$62.5 million, representing 26.5 percent of total imports value. (See Table 5 and Graph 5)



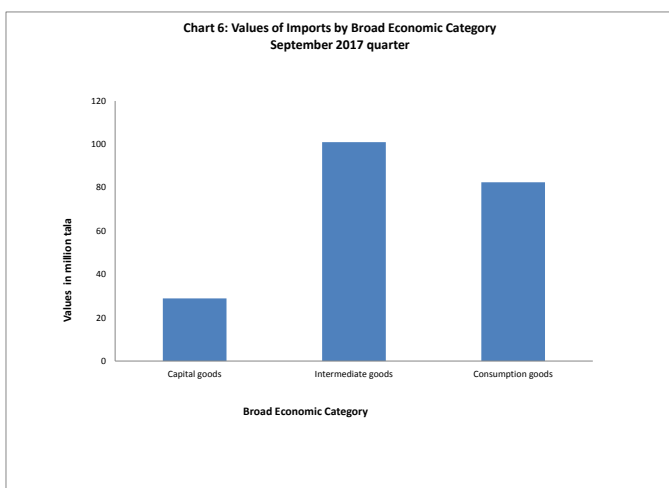
Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Imports by Broad Economic Categories

For the three main broad economic categories in the September 2017 quarter, **capital goods** were valued at \$28.9 million, accounting for 12.3 percent of total imports value, increasing 38.9 percent from the previous quarter.

**Intermediate goods** were valued at \$101.0 million, accounting for 42.9 percent of total imports value, increasing 2.0 percent from the previous quarter.

**Consumption goods** were valued at \$82.5 million, accounting for 35.0 percent of total imports value, increasing 17.6 percent from the previous quarter. (See Table 6 and Graph 6)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Major Source Markets of Imports

**New Zealand** continued to be the leading source markets of imports in the September 2017 quarter, contributing 24.9 percent of total imports value, increasing 4.1 percent from the previous quarter but 0.5 percent lower than the same quarter last year.

Imports from **Singapore** accounted for 13.7 percent of total imports value, decreasing 12.3 percent from the previous quarter but 32.7 percent higher than corresponding quarter of 2016.

Imports from **Australia** accounted for 12.2 percent of total imports value, increasing 13.8 percent and 30.6 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.

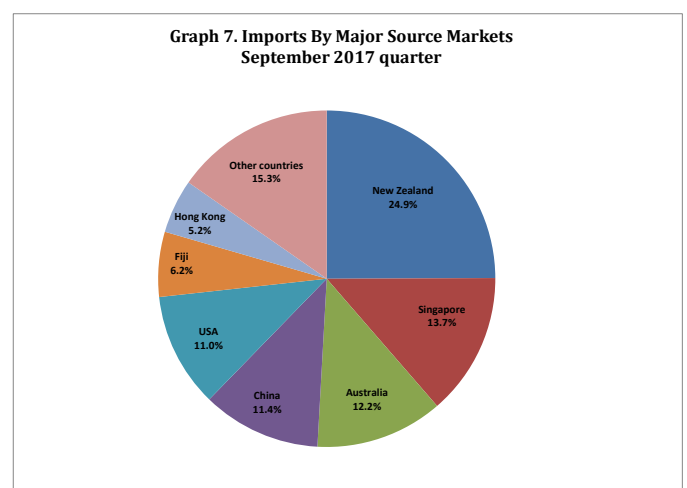
Imports from **China** accounted for 11.4 percent of total imports value, increasing more than two times from the previous quarter but 15.8 percent lower than the same quarter last year.

Imports from **USA** accounted for 11.0 percent of total imports value, increasing 12.8 percent and 7.0 percent from the previous quarter and the same corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.

Imports from **Fiji** accounted for 6.2 percent of total imports value, increasing 35.7 percent from the previous quarter but 19.6 percent lower than the same quarter last year respectively.

Imports from **Hong Kong** accounted for 5.2 percent of total imports value, increasing 74.1 percent and 84.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

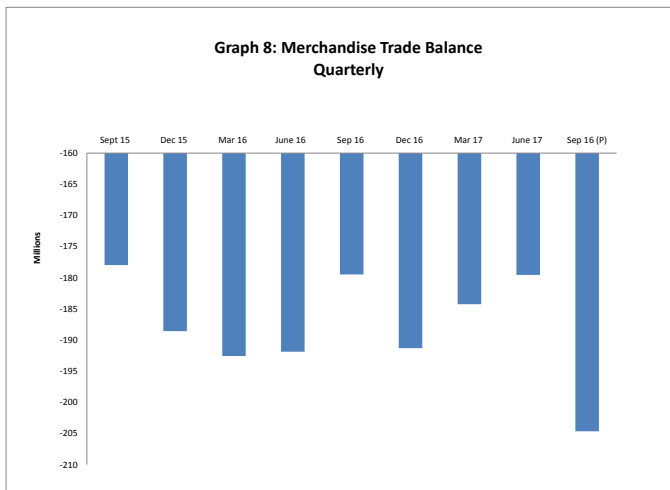
All other countries of imports accounted for less than 5.0 percent each of total imports value had a combined total of 15.3 percent. (See Table 7 and Graph 7)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Trade Balance

In the September quarter, the value of imports (\$235.5 million) exceeded that of exports (\$30.8 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$204.6 million). (See Table 1 and Graph 8)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The December 2017 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018.

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## **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**

September 2017 quarter: (July, August, September 2017)

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 (domestic): 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)
	<b>2013</b>	144,103	851,292	-707,189
	<b>2014</b>	117,773	895,326	-777,553
	<b>2015</b>	136,018	855,390	-719,372
	<b>2016</b>	143,755	899,005	-755,250
<b>Three months ended</b>				
	<b>Mar 14</b>	23,289	201,821	-178,532
	<b>June 14</b>	26,391	218,223	-191,833
	<b>Sep 14</b>	38,971	246,873	-207,902
	<b>Dec 14</b>	29,123	228,409	-199,286
	<b>Mar 15</b>	24,003	202,664	-178,660
	<b>June 15</b>	28,393	202,557	-174,164
	<b>Sept 15</b>	44,840	222,818	-177,979
	<b>Dec 15</b>	38,782	227,350	-188,569
	<b>Mar 16</b>	28,256	220,835	-192,579
	<b>June 16</b>	35,098	226,981	-191,883
	<b>Sep 16</b>	44,936	224,418	-179,482
	<b>Dec 16</b>	35,466	226,772	-191,306
	<b>Mar 17</b>	25,871	210,126	-184,255
	<b>June 17</b>	31,138	210,684	-179,546
	<b>Sep 17 (P)</b>	30,834	235,475	-204,641
<b>Monthly</b>				
<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	11,135	77,051	-65,916
<b>2016</b>	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
<b>2017</b>	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	8,952	70,292	-61,340
	August (P)	11,450	80,356	-68,905
	September (P)	10,432	84,827	-74,395

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

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Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey

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

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Table 2.

**Exports of main commodities<sup>(1)</sup>**  
**Amount in thousand tala (SAT, 000)**

Commodity	Annually				Quarterly							
					2016				2017			
	2013	2014	2015	2016 (P)	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept (P)	% of Total
Fish	10,740	5,762	30,935	43,524	8,657	10,153	15,029	9,685	3,886	10,680	11,587	37.6
Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft	64,527	44,631	37,487	38,532	6,871	8,899	13,228	9,534	5,882	838	1,358	4.4
Petroleum oils	34,524	39,776	34,379	30,770	5,612	7,781	9,423	7,955	7,364	8,289	8,563	27.8
Fruit Juices	3,494	3,386	6,978	8,160	1,770	2,574	2,145	1,672	1,283	1,494	678	2.2
Taro	1,427	2,475	5,335	6,315	1,473	971	1,511	2,360	2,035	3,532	2,779	9.0
Beer	11,394	5,820	5,914	3,694	451	692	629	1,922	913	1,081	1,245	4.0
Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,552	846	563	592	199	117	121	155	135	99	99	0.3
Coconut oil	1,414	3,457	2,654	2,239	157	1,097	526	458	991	711	240	0.8
Crisp savoury food products	231	108	144	80	22	16	4	38	150	43	54	0.2
Coconut	1,762	1,046	251	709	125	184	188	212	421	658	179	0.6
Other commodities	13,040	10,467	11,377	9,140	2,918	2,614	2,133	1,474	2,811	3,713	4,052	13.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,103</b>	<b>117,773</b>	<b>136,018</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>28,256</b>	<b>35,098</b>	<b>44,936</b>	<b>35,466</b>	<b>25,871</b>	<b>31,138</b>	<b>30,834</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 3.

**Exports of main commodities By HS Sections**  
**Amount in thousand tala (000)**

Section	Section description	Annually				Quarterly							
		2013	2014	2015	2016 (P)	2016				2017			% of Total
						March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sep(P)	
I	Animals and animal products	11,442	5,842	31,183	43,578	8,697	10,153	15,042	9,686	3,896	11,040	11,796	38.3
II	Vegetable products	3,836	4,357	8,761	8,313	2,504	1,366	1,790	2,653	2,711	4,530	3,084	10.0
III	Animal or vegetable fats	1,486	4,017	2,794	2,254	163	1,101	531	459	993	716	322	1.0
IV	Prepared foodstuff, beverages and tobacco	19,083	12,410	16,294	14,590	3,079	3,683	3,627	4,200	3,394	3,122	3,131	10.2
V	Mineral products	35,466	39,807	34,396	31,152	5,799	7,865	9,440	8,048	7,433	8,488	8,800	28.5
VI	Chemical products	906	130	233	156	42	17	78	19	118	147	190	0.6
VII	Plastics and rubber	454	153	485	279	222	12	29	16	34	758	355	1.2
VIII	Hides and skins	5	0	32	8	7	0	1	0	0	0	7	0.0
IX	Wood and wood products	112	179	271	268	37	125	38	68	43	51	69	0.2
X	Wood pulp products	368	49	231	140	60	16	52	13	28	50	32	0.1
XI	Textiles and textile articles	664	219	122	181	43	24	69	45	17	63	90	0.3
XII	Footwear, headgear, etc	491	430	260	271	127	6	123	15	114	13	112	0.4
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, glass, etc	17	1	8	57	2	25	28	3	18	68	45	0.1
XIV	Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones and metals	114	4	672	463	76	252	77	57	292	205	113	0.4
XV	Base metals and articles of base metal	1,749	1,135	735	684	209	58	200	217	487	403	344	1.1
XVI	Machinery, mechanical and electrical appliances	66,270	46,082	38,482	40,187	7,023	10,071	13,401	9,692	5,904	1,133	1,890	6.1
XVII	Transportation equipment	985	1,904	385	376	21	131	178	46	50	41	16	0.1
XVIII	Instruments - measuring, musical	458	652	418	294	10	134	10	139	1	1	7	0.0
XIX	Arms and ammunition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0.0
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	172	298	163	333	115	25	165	28	92	19	71	0.2
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	0	0	3	43	0	-	42	1	1	3	0	0.0
XXII	Others	27	103	89	126	18	32	15	60	247	287	360	1.2
<b>Total Exports</b>		<b>144,103</b>	<b>117,773</b>	<b>136,018</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>28,256</b>	<b>35,098</b>	<b>44,936</b>	<b>35,466</b>	<b>25,871</b>	<b>31,138</b>	<b>30,834</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 4.

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

Country of Destination	Annually				Quarterly							
					2016				2017			
	2013	2014	2015	2016 (P)	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept (P)	% of Total
Australia	81,995	68,294	57,224	51,623	9,412	12,856	16,941	12,414	9,790	5,707	5,587	18.1
American Samoa	13,051	7,348	24,943	37,059	6,418	8,027	13,291	9,324	3,404	9,070	11,065	35.9
New Zealand	19,800	22,628	20,293	17,181	3,809	4,296	4,137	4,939	4,892	6,314	5,456	17.7
USA	4,177	4,441	7,256	9,592	1,976	2,351	3,067	2,198	2,140	2,005	1,029	3.3
Tokelau	10,377	3,004	3,772	4,236	1,483	870	872	1,012	1,565	2,599	2,546	8.3
Taiwan	593	489	5,766	7,576	1,215	1,772	2,179	2,410	1,134	1,416	1,776	5.8
Fiji	3,497	3,551	3,944	4,575	1,116	1,181	1,128	1,151	1,288	1,176	1,019	3.3
China	319	18	1,904	2,050	990	550	345	164	469	127	276	0.9
Japan	717	325	5,214	4,238	537	1,413	1,303	985	690	1,208	1,082	3.5
Singapore	2,871	4,097	2,209	1,619	264	391	823	141	122	271	290	0.9
Other countries	6,707	3,581	3,488	4,006	1,037	1,391	848	729	376	1,245	710	2.3
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>144,103</b>	<b>117,773</b>	<b>136,018</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>28,256</b>	<b>35,098</b>	<b>44,936</b>	<b>35,466</b>	<b>25,871</b>	<b>31,138</b>	<b>30,834</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**IMPORTS BY HS SECTIONS**  
**Amount in thousand tala**

**Table 5**

HS Sections	Annually			Quarterly							
				2016				2017			
	2014	2015	2016(P)	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sep(P)	% of Total
I Live animals: animal products	87,522	85,447	97,160	18,240	27,702	25,741	25,476	24,281	21,248	28,382	12.1
II Vegetable products	36,897	43,073	47,586	11,437	10,354	13,191	12,605	8,752	9,303	11,422	4.9
III Animal or vegetable oils & fats	6,592	6,701	7,908	2,094	1,959	1,745	2,110	1,594	2,236	2,178	0.9
IV Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	86,967	95,033	102,220	24,145	23,642	26,635	27,799	24,326	23,286	26,775	11.4
V Mineral products	233,158	145,707	140,063	38,463	38,474	25,838	37,288	38,931	39,821	36,475	15.5
VI Chemicals and allied products	53,754	56,130	59,748	14,013	14,311	15,859	15,565	12,583	14,023	13,251	5.6
VII Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	44,800	55,762	50,152	13,124	11,774	15,515	9,739	7,333	8,362	11,420	4.8
VIII Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	862	972	996	307	144	226	318	188	288	179	0.1
IX Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	30,635	34,974	30,407	7,875	6,678	8,030	7,824	8,168	7,897	6,021	2.6
X Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	17,501	17,669	17,480	4,937	3,770	4,306	4,467	4,435	11,684	9,056	3.8
XI Textiles & textile articles	20,567	22,120	21,994	5,011	4,655	6,460	5,868	5,988	3,814	6,042	2.6
XII Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	3,178	3,283	3,313	740	760	828	986	617	859	933	0.4
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	15,497	18,643	17,845	3,997	4,331	4,512	5,005	3,585	3,796	5,499	2.3
XIV Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	1,841	434	741	57	356	114	214	18	61	91	0.0
XV Base metals & articles thereof	63,211	66,212	67,284	19,645	18,162	14,763	14,714	17,701	24,076	17,867	7.6
XVI Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	100,300	99,057	119,831	34,432	29,746	29,142	26,511	27,845	20,310	32,227	13.7
XVII Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	49,648	53,555	68,782	13,279	16,229	20,494	18,781	16,079	11,028	18,020	7.7
XVIII Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches	9,792	15,536	12,162	1,383	4,144	1,982	4,653	1,747	3,641	2,873	1.2
XIX Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	109	133	166	116	34	11	5	39	93	22	0.0
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	32,400	34,828	33,003	7,521	9,705	8,994	6,783	5,864	4,822	6,632	2.8
XXI Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques	17	36	8	2	1	4	0	1	4	25	0.0
XXII Others	78	82	156	19	48	28	60	52	32	84	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>895,326</b>	<b>855,390</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>220,835</b>	<b>226,981</b>	<b>224,418</b>	<b>226,772</b>	<b>210,126</b>	<b>210,684</b>	<b>235,475</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 6

## IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC

[SAT\$(000)]

Economic Category	ANNUALLY	QUARTERLY							MONTHLY			
	2016 (P)	2016				2017			2017			
		March	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep(P)	July(P)	Aug(P)	Sep(P)	
<b>1*</b>	<b>Food and Beverage</b>											
	11* Primary											
	111* Mainly for industry	4,566	1,314	867	1,611	774	589	374	360	89	201	70
	112* Mainly for household consumption	27,440	5,943	7,567	7,162	6,769	6,823	6,089	6,831	2,181	2,270	2,380
	12* Processed											
	121* Mainly for industry	213,222	8,150	7,642	9,320	9,493	9,439	7,997	8,619	2,195	3,235	3,189
	122* Mainly for household consumption	178,616	38,211	44,953	47,444	48,008	39,752	39,265	50,647	14,574	18,407	17,666
<b>2*</b>	<b>Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified</b>											
	21* Primary	9,843	3,099	2,194	2,137	2,413	2,293	1,674	1,934	743	507	685
	22* Processed	211,264	56,698	52,785	51,784	49,997	49,865	60,732	60,965	21,895	18,984	20,086
<b>3*</b>	<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>											
	31* Primary	223	24	65	56	79	58	36	22	4	-	18
	32* Processed											
	321* Motor spirit	55,974	15,821	15,906	8,867	15,380	16,027	17,555	14,647	5,089	4,351	5,208
	322* Other	64,532	16,573	17,145	13,429	17,385	19,007	18,416	17,973	6,139	6,487	5,347
<b>4*</b>	<b>Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories thereof</b>											
	41* Capital goods (except transport equipmet)	80,312	16,514	22,469	23,011	18,318	16,307	14,465	22,866	4,706	7,240	10,921
	42* Parts and accessories	31,407	13,302	7,280	5,029	5,796	7,036	5,931	6,998	1,716	1,748	3,534
<b>5*</b>	<b>Transport Equipment and Parts and Accessories thereof</b>											
	51* Passenger motor cars	27,135	4,905	5,500	8,768	7,962	7,149	3,118	8,392	1,073	5,485	1,833
	521* Industrial	33,500	6,611	8,907	9,976	8,006	7,646	6,343	6,034	1,426	1,924	2,685
	522* Non-industrial	2,620	424	285	331	1,581	242	247	226	99	55	72
	53* Parts and accessories	14,623	3,667	4,078	3,641	3,236	4,034	3,827	4,139	1,190	1,537	1,413
<b>6*</b>	<b>Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>											
	61* Durable	17,891	3,599	4,778	4,860	4,654	2,903	4,037	4,571	1,534	1,469	1,568
	62* Semi-durable	51,900	13,509	12,485	14,008	11,898	9,098	9,204	9,175	2,274	3,191	3,709
	63* Non-durable	52,499	12,432	12,071	12,976	15,020	11,849	11,307	11,062	3,365	3,255	4,442
<b>7*</b>	<b>Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>	54	39	2	8	5	10	64	12	-	11	0
	<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>220,835</b>	<b>226,981</b>	<b>224,418</b>	<b>226,772</b>	<b>210,126</b>	<b>210,684</b>	<b>235,475</b>	<b>70,292</b>	<b>80,356</b>	<b>84,827</b>
	<i>of which</i>											
	Capital goods	113,813	23,126	31,376	32,988	26,323	23,953	20,808	28,900	6,132	9,163	13,605
	Intermediate goods	371,063	102,827	92,057	87,007	89,172	92,319	98,988	101,012	33,972	32,698	34,342
	Consumption goods	330,966	74,118	82,139	86,781	87,929	70,667	70,150	82,512	24,027	28,647	29,839

1 Capital Goods: sum of categories 41\* and 521\*

2 Intermediate Goods: sum of categories 111\*, 121\*, 21\*, 22\*, 31\*, 322\*, 42\* and 53\*

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Table 7

**TOTAL IMPORTS BY MAJOR PARTNER COUNTRIES****Amount in thousand (SAT 000) cif**

Country of Export	Annually				Quarterly											
					2015				2016				2017			
	2013	2014	2015	2016 (P)	March	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep(P)	% of Total
New Zealand	254,361	250,392	253,903	239,876	62,560	57,304	69,752	64,287	55,774	62,239	59,003	62,861	56,304	56,404	58,715	24.9
Singapore	193,942	218,448	132,528	130,711	24,593	35,185	37,926	34,824	34,316	36,658	24,314	35,423	37,623	36,791	32,273	13.7
China	69,325	93,819	103,716	107,063	32,046	23,900	24,138	23,632	31,739	21,724	31,850	21,750	21,641	10,748	26,812	11.4
Australia	61,611	79,086	90,829	95,104	20,810	24,047	22,280	23,692	22,507	24,964	22,061	25,572	19,822	25,323	28,820	12.2
United States of America	105,248	90,139	82,683	92,621	15,514	24,409	20,120	22,640	20,370	24,866	24,211	23,174	20,280	22,961	25,895	11.0
Fiji	48,843	48,140	58,180	67,542	10,859	13,685	15,398	18,238	15,543	17,694	18,271	16,034	12,083	10,827	14,696	6.2
Japan	31,275	32,724	42,362	44,649	8,856	9,094	10,395	14,018	9,522	8,814	13,867	12,446	13,566	5,191	11,147	4.7
Malaysia	13,274	9,993	22,851	19,466	11,219	2,115	2,807	6,710	8,980	4,336	2,731	3,419	2,303	1,477	2,075	0.9
Thailand	19,974	20,249	19,355	24,274	4,929	3,025	6,005	5,396	5,502	4,628	7,575	6,569	4,429	2,310	6,066	2.6
Indonesia	13,420	13,445	14,388	13,998	4,123	3,453	2,758	4,055	3,539	3,760	3,506	3,192	2,633	3,072	2,071	0.9
Hong Kong	14,711	12,474	11,089	20,285	2,363	1,717	3,159	3,850	2,405	4,441	6,635	6,804	4,844	7,026	12,230	5.2
Viet Nam	1,774	2,222	5,890	4,560	248	559	3,036	2,047	1,194	1,183	871	1,312	590	9,839	804	0.3
Korea Democratic	1,713	2,505	1,607	3,996	689	226	519	172	959	1,102	1,732	204	1,605	323	668	0.3
India	3,364	2,975	1,080	3,161	400	120	209	351	866	417	977	900	515	399	887	0.4
Taiwan	2,258	2,567	3,128	4,932	368	908	1,092	759	746	1,747	1,172	1,267	651	389	127	0.1
Korea Republic	2,289	1,845	830	1,437	268	292	64	205	523	363	119	433	6,344	3,272	3,138	1.3
Papua New Guinea	2,395	1,362	1,208	823	208	258	412	330	257	151	223	192	212	93	175	0.1
Tonga	954	1,143	643	2,248	169	96	149	229	206	1,876	53	112	54	29	1	0.0
Philippines	2,404	848	788	2,282	293	140	166	189	102	561	592	1,027	310	332	246	0.1
Other countries	8,158	10,949	8,332	19,976	2,150	2,024	2,432	1,726	5,784	5,456	4,655	4,081	4,317	13,880	8,629	3.7
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>851,292</b>	<b>895,326</b>	<b>855,390</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>202,664</b>	<b>202,557</b>	<b>222,818</b>	<b>227,350</b>	<b>220,835</b>	<b>226,981</b>	<b>224,418</b>	<b>226,772</b>	<b>210,126</b>	<b>210,684</b>	<b>235,475</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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