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Merchandise Trade January 2018

Highlights of the month

Exports¹

- ✚ Exports were valued at \$6.2 million, decreasing 27.3 percent from December 2017.
- ✚ Exports of 'Food and Live animal' recorded the largest decrease (down \$1.2 million) from December 2017 but remained the top commodity groups exported during January 2018, representing 46.2 percent of total exports value.
- ✚ Exports to American Samoa, Tokelau and New Zealand recorded largest decreases from December 2017.

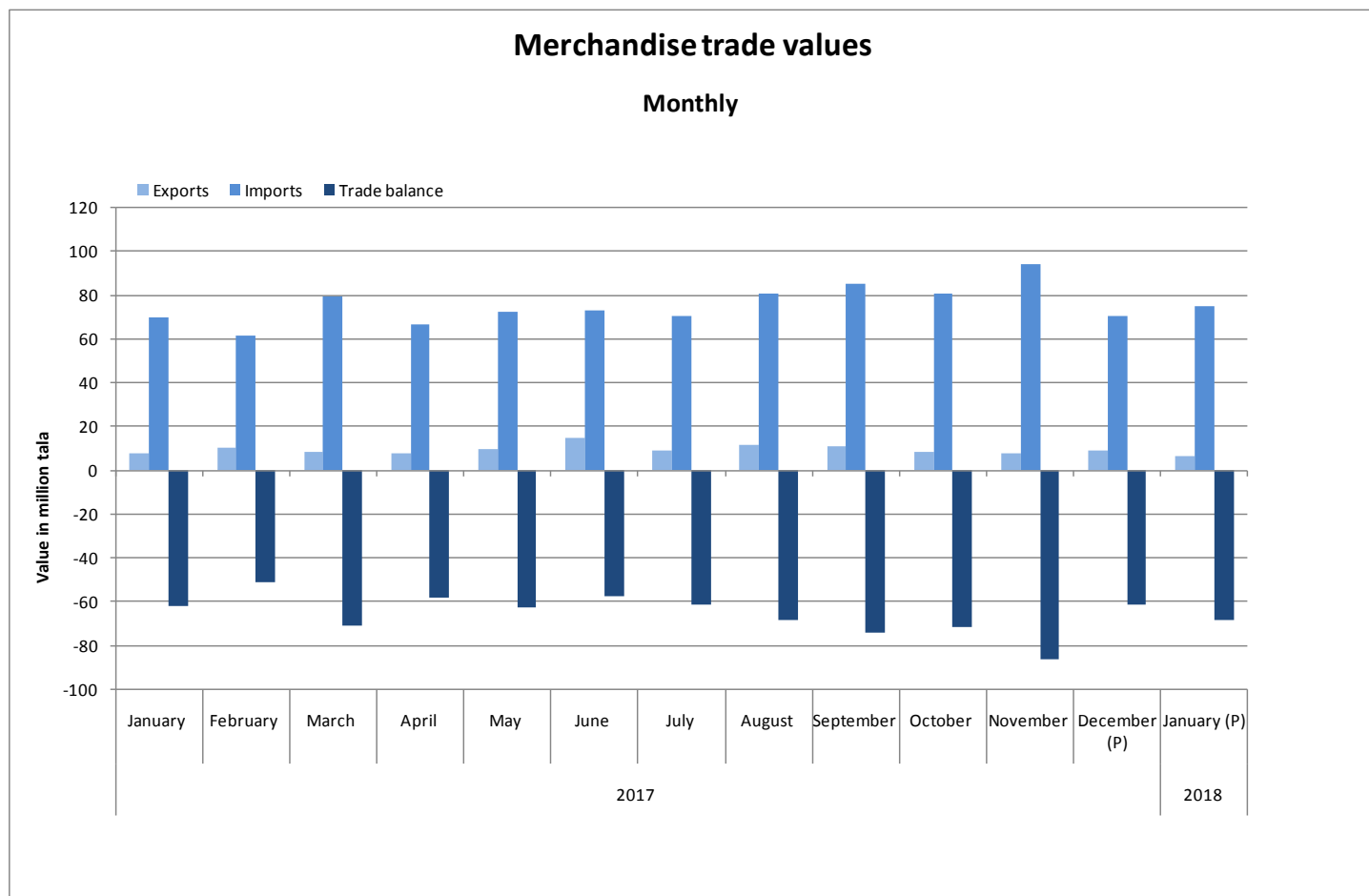
Imports

- ✚ Imports were valued at \$74.5 million, increasing 6.0 percent from December 2017.
- ✚ The current increase was mainly driven by higher values of 'Machinery and Transport equipment' (up \$4.6 million) , and 'Food and live animals' (up \$2.2 million) imports
- ✚ 'Food and live animals' imports remained the top commodity groups imported during January 2018, representing 25.9 percent of total imports value.
- ✚ Imports from Australia recorded the largest increase from December 2017.

Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$74.5 million) exceeded that of exports (\$6.2 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$68.4 million.

¹ Includes re-export 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 February 2018 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on April 13th 2018.

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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
2017 (P)	112,215	900,997	-788,782
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	31,138	210,684	-179,546
Sep 17	30,834	235,475	-204,641
Dec 17 (P)	24,372	244,712	-220,340
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	8,952	70,292	-61,340
August	11,450	80,356	-68,905
September	10,432	84,827	-74,395
October	8,390	80,446	-72,056
November	7,482	93,942	-86,460
December (P)	8,501	70,324	-61,824
2018			
January (P)	6,181	74,546	-68,365

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

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	40,559	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
2017 (P)	112,215	54,898	5,683	2,081	32,613	1,398	1,447	2,548	9,475	2,072	-
2016	Qtr 1	28,256	12,761	740	941	5,614	160	367	7,044	583	-
	Qtr 2	35,098	14,147	868	566	7,805	1,097	167	10,201	217	-
	Qtr 3	44,936	19,552	796	264	9,440	526	221	13,579	452	0
	Qtr 4	35,466	14,365	2,128	222	8,030	458	221	9,860	114	-
2017	Qtr 1	25,871	8,711	1,203	609	7,425	496	643	5,954	286	-
	Qtr 2	31,138	17,313	1,244	658	8,335	715	144	737	1,174	818
	Qtr 3	30,834	16,606	1,378	389	8,678	174	350	756	1,894	609
	Qtr 4 (P)	24,372	12,267	1,859	425	8,175	14	408	413	453	359
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
	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	8,952	4,703	345	93	2,806	6	49	220	586	146
	August	11,450	6,663	477	60	2,675	1	214	142	1,049	169
	September	10,432	5,241	555	236	3,198	167	88	394	259	295
	October	8,390	4,112	624	77	2,881	1	73	152	347	122
	November	7,482	4,059	562	196	2,320	-	201	98	24	21
	December (P)	8,501	4,096	673	152	2,974	12	134	163	81	217
2018	January (P)	6,181	2,856	544	72	2,421	0	50	179	8	51

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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	Annually					Quarterly								Monthly												
						2016				2017				2017												2018
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017(P)	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec (P)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec (P)	Jan (P)
New Zealand	19,800	22,628	20,201	17,181	22,076	3,809	4,296	4,137	4,939	4,892	6,314	5,456	5,414	1,652	1,026	2,214	2,427	2,147	1,741	1,152	1,764	2,540	1,683	1,603	2,129	1,631
Australia	81,995	68,294	57,224	51,623	24,051	9,412	12,856	16,941	12,414	9,790	5,707	5,587	2,967	2,632	5,509	1,649	1,512	2,106	2,089	1,732	2,111	1,743	1,349	994	625	671
American Samoa	13,051	7,348	24,943	37,059	29,876	6,418	8,027	13,291	9,324	3,404	9,070	11,065	6,337	955	1,312	1,136	1,477	1,675	5,919	3,450	4,416	3,199	2,766	1,401	2,170	1,540
Fiji	3,633	3,551	3,944	4,575	4,496	1,116	1,181	1,128	1,151	1,288	1,176	1,019	1,013	293	265	730	328	308	539	356	334	329	289	274	450	341
Tokelau	10,208	3,004	3,864	4,236	9,159	1,483	870	872	1,012	1,565	2,599	2,546	2,449	458	834	273	127	796	1,676	789	932	825	745	527	1,177	579
China	319	18	1,904	2,050	1,281	990	550	345	164	469	127	276	409	311	117	42	85	42	0	144	43	89	57	133	220	61
Taiwan	593	489	5,766	7,576	6,038	1,215	1,772	2,179	2,410	1,134	1,416	1,776	1,712	629	269	236	294	487	635	562	643	571	658	406	648	543
Japan	717	325	5,214	4,238	4,028	537	1,413	1,303	985	690	1,208	1,082	1,048	281	132	277	308	423	477	124	815	143	53	639	355	132
Singapore	2,871	4,097	2,209	1,619	978	264	391	823	141	122	271	290	295	38	20	64	43	147	81	134	115	40	156	114	24	166
United States of America	4,177	4,441	7,256	9,592	6,253	1,976	2,351	3,067	2,198	2,140	2,005	1,029	1,079	401	519	1,220	955	395	654	386	131	512	411	450	218	247
Other countries	6,739	3,581	3,494	4,006	3,979	1,037	1,391	848	729	376	1,245	710	1,648	39	177	160	33	664	548	125	144	441	223	942	484	269
Total Exports	144,103	117,773	136,018	143,755	112,215	28,256	35,098	44,936	35,466	25,871	31,138	30,834	24,372	7,690	10,181	8,000	7,589	9,191	14,358	8,952	11,450	10,432	8,390	7,482	8,501	6,181

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Table 4: Imports (value) by major items, SITC

Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Beve-rages & Tobacco	Crude Mate-rials, Mineral fuels, Lub- In-edible, Except ricsants & Related			Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manu-factured	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Miscellaneous Manu-factured Goods & Articles	Commo-dities & Trans-actions
				Goods Classified Chiefly By Material	Not Classified Elsewhere In 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	
2016	899,005	235,810	12,568	21,317	122,284	5,654	67,573	144,926	190,595	98,260	18	
2017 (P)	900,997	232,794	11,548	24,438	143,389	5,766	62,072	148,194	178,973	93,809	13	
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
	Qtr 3	235,475	64,019	3,052	5,036	32,746	1,498	16,812	36,596	50,007	25,708	2
	Qtr 4 (P)	244,712	62,288	3,085	6,342	39,541	1,656	16,241	36,365	53,268	25,922	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	70,292	18,350	874	2,308	11,335	309	7,155	11,279	10,341	8,341	-
	August	80,356	23,426	716	1,341	10,763	522	5,127	11,577	17,805	9,079	1
	September	84,827	22,243	1,463	1,387	10,648	668	4,530	13,739	21,861	8,288	1
	October	80,446	20,301	1,110	1,953	13,029	396	5,435	11,303	20,024	6,896	-
	November	93,942	24,856	830	2,359	13,278	587	5,854	13,279	21,012	11,882	5
	December (P)	70,324	17,132	1,145	2,030	13,234	673	4,952	11,782	12,232	7,145	-
2018	January (P)	74,546	19,303	903	635	13,179	445	5,842	11,151	16,835	6,250	2

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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				2017												2018
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (P)	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec(P)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec(P)	Jan(P)
New Zealand	254,361	250,392	253,903	239,876	237,966	55,774	62,239	59,003	62,861	56,304	56,404	58,715	66,543	20,573	13,702	22,029	16,192	21,436	18,776	21,030	19,579	18,107	22,909	25,270	18,363	18,115
Australia	61,611	79,086	90,829	95,104	94,593	22,507	24,964	22,061	25,572	19,822	25,323	28,820	20,628	5,245	6,662	7,915	7,238	9,001	9,084	7,251	11,452	10,117	6,766	8,717	5,144	7,729
Fiji	48,843	48,140	58,180	67,542	52,437	15,543	17,694	18,271	16,034	12,083	10,827	14,696	14,831	3,200	3,435	5,448	3,472	4,317	3,038	4,953	4,287	5,456	5,146	6,326	3,360	4,516
United States of America	105,248	90,139	82,683	92,621	100,314	20,370	24,866	24,211	23,174	20,280	22,961	25,895	31,178	7,450	7,322	5,508	7,502	7,859	7,600	8,097	8,459	9,339	11,305	10,104	9,768	7,692
China, Peoples Republic of	69,325	93,819	103,716	107,063	78,410	31,739	21,724	31,850	21,750	21,641	10,748	26,812	19,209	8,065	5,824	7,752	55	4,863	5,830	7,451	11,351	8,010	6,137	7,824	5,248	7,383
Hong Kong	14,711	12,474	11,089	20,285	33,544	2,405	4,441	6,635	6,804	4,844	7,026	12,230	9,444	3,158	339	1,347	2,299	1,030	3,697	3,026	4,054	5,150	690	4,183	4,571	2,727
Indonesia	13,420	13,445	14,388	13,998	10,407	3,539	3,760	3,506	3,192	2,633	3,072	2,071	2,631	398	513	1,722	678	1,264	1,130	608	591	873	346	1,398	886	551
Japan	31,275	32,724	42,362	44,649	38,474	9,522	8,814	13,867	12,446	13,566	5,191	11,147	8,570	4,457	4,014	5,095	1,316	1,856	2,019	1,856	2,709	6,582	2,860	2,313	3,397	2,560
Malaysia	13,274	9,993	22,851	19,466	7,476	8,980	4,336	2,731	3,419	2,303	1,477	2,075	1,621	413	874	1,016	560	142	775	658	551	866	452	823	346	962
Philippines	2,404	848	788	2,282	1,137	102	561	592	1,027	310	332	246	249	3	58	249	126	203	3	1	212	33	7	96	146	46
Singapore	193,942	218,448	132,528	130,711	149,180	34,316	36,658	24,314	35,423	37,623	36,791	32,273	42,493	10,574	14,822	12,227	11,648	12,167	12,976	11,008	9,956	11,309	13,311	15,157	14,025	13,612
Thailand	19,974	20,249	19,355	24,274	21,893	5,502	4,628	7,575	6,569	4,429	2,310	6,066	9,088	2,047	1,562	820	994	945	371	467	2,866	2,733	4,455	2,820	1,813	2,021
India	3,364	2,975	1,080	3,161	2,433	866	417	977	900	515	399	887	632	328	46	140	276	66	57	14	655	218	175	188	270	1,027
Korea Democratic People's	1,713	2,505	1,607	3,996	3,338	959	1,102	1,732	204	1,605	323	668	742	704	339	562	323	-	-	108	560	-	116	535	92	111
Korea Republic of	2,289	1,845	830	1,437	17,088	523	363	119	433	6,344	3,272	3,138	4,334	1,665	806	3,873	1,168	587	1,517	524	1,433	1,181	1,332	1,282	1,720	3,634
Papua New Guinea	2,395	1,362	1,208	823	664	257	151	223	192	212	93	175	184	63	7	142	1	4	87	87	84	4	29	59	97	1
Tonga	954	1,143	643	2,248	187	206	1,876	53	112	54	29	1	102	4	10	40	1	20	8	-	-	1	53	35	14	-
Taiwan, Province of China	2,258	2,567	3,128	4,932	1,371	746	1,747	1,172	1,267	651	389	127	205	176	193	281	13	165	210	1	125	-	1	138	66	312
Viet Nam	1,774	2,222	5,890	4,560	11,894	1,194	1,183	871	1,312	590	9,839	804	661	218	101	271	5,296	106	4,437	261	372	172	205	217	239	136
Other countries	8,158	10,948	8,332	19,976	38,192	5,784	5,456	4,655	4,081	4,317	13,880	8,629	11,366	955	666	2,696	7,113	6,008	758	2,891	1,060	4,678	4,150	6,456	760	1,411
Total Imports	851,292	895,326	855,390	899,005	900,997	220,835	226,981	224,418	226,772	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	69,698	61,294	79,134	66,272	72,040	72,371	70,292	80,356	84,827	80,446	93,942	70,324	74,546

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

**- nil

