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MERCHANDISE TRADE December 2017 quarter

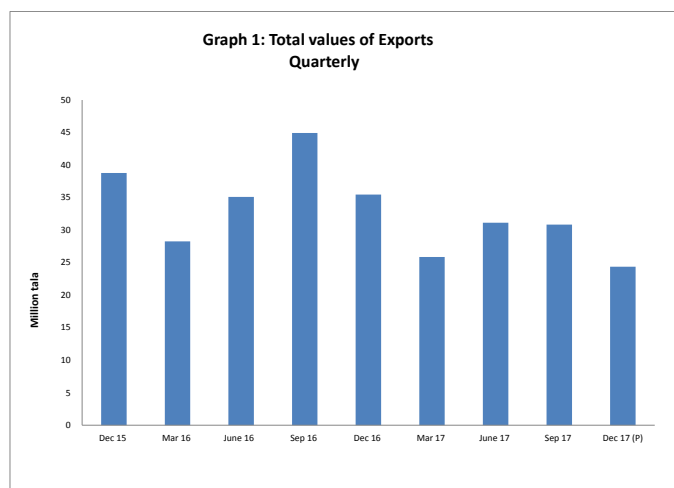
Highlights of the quarter

- Exports value decreased 21.0 percent from the September 2017 quarter.
- Imports value rose 3.9 percent from the September 2017 quarter.
- Trade deficit valued at \$220.3 million.

Overview

Value of Exports

In the December 2017 quarter, exports were valued at \$24.4 million, decreasing 21.0 percent from the previous quarter. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower values of 'animal and animal products' exports reflecting lower values of fish. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of exports decreased 31.3 percent. (See Table 1, 2 and Graph 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2017 showed a 21.9 percent decrease in the total

value of exports when compared with the four quarters ending December 2016.

Principal exports commodities¹

In the December 2017 quarter, **Petroleum oils**² exports became the top commodities exported, despite the 5.4 percent decrease in its value from the previous quarter, accounting for 33.2 percent (\$8.1 million) of total exports value. The current fall was mainly driven by lower values of jet fuel exports (down \$1.3 million). In comparison with the same quarter of 2016, the current value of petroleum oils increased 1.8 percent.

Fish exports decreased 38.7 percent (\$4.5 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 29.2 percent (\$7.1 million) of total exports value. When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of fish exports decreased 26.6 percent.

Taro exports decreased 19.8 percent (\$549 thousand) from the previous quarter, accounting for 9.1 (\$2.2 million) percent of total exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of taro decreased 5.5 percent.

Beer exports had a total value of \$1.6 million, accounting for 6.7 percent of total exports value, increasing 31.3 percent from the previous quarter but 14.9 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

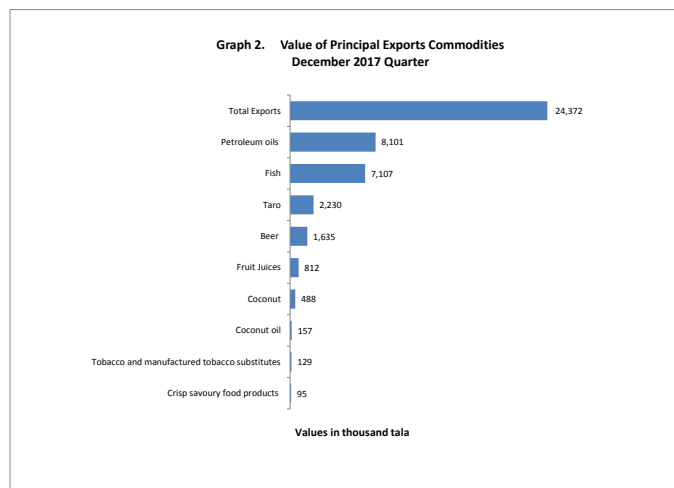
Fruit juices exports recorded a total value of \$812 thousand, accounting for 3.3 percent of

¹ Includes re-exports commodities

² Fuel re-exports for shipping vessels and airlines

total exports value, increasing 19.8 percent from previous quarter but 51.4 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Exports of **coconut, tobacco and crisp savoury food products** also increased valued at \$488 thousand, \$129 thousand and \$95 thousand while exports of **coconut oil** decreased to \$157 thousand from \$240 thousand in the previous quarter. Exports of other commodities valued at \$3.6 million, representing 14.9 percent of total exports value. (See Table 2 and Graph 2).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Country of Destination for Exports

In the December 2017 quarter, **American Samoa** remained the largest export markets despite the decrease in its value, accounting for 26.0 percent of the total exports value. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower values of fish exports (down \$4.5 million). In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of exports to American Samoa decreased 32.0 percent.

Exports to **New Zealand** decreased 0.8 percent from the previous quarter, accounting for 22.2 percent (\$5.4 million) of total exports value. The current decrease was mainly led by exports of taro (down \$365 thousand), and fish (down \$173 thousand). When compared with same quarter of 2016, the current value of exports to New Zealand increased 9.6 percent.

Exports to **Australia** were valued at \$3.0 million, accounting for 12.2 percent of total exports value, decreasing 46.9 percent and 76.1 percent

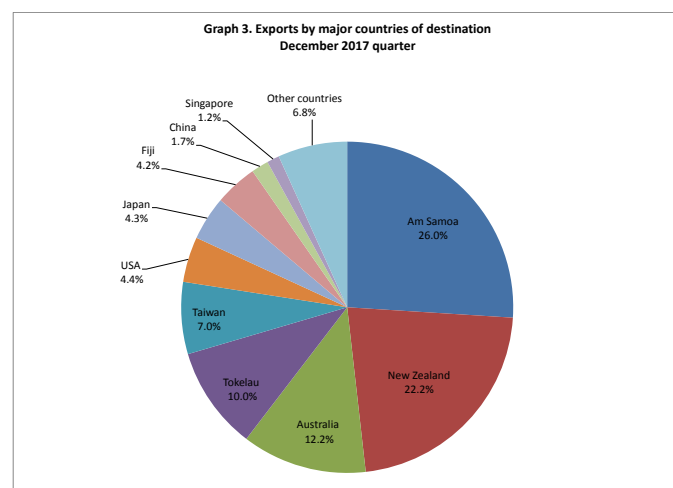
from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively. The decrease over the previous quarter was mainly led by exports of ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles (no exports due to official closure) and jet fuel (down \$1.1 million as Virgin Australia route Apia-Auckland-Apia is officially closed).

Exports to **Tokelau** decreased 3.8 percent (to \$2.4 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 10.0 percent of total exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of exports to Tokelau was three times higher.

Exports to **Taiwan** were valued at \$1.7 million contributing 7.0 percent of total exports value, decreasing 3.6 percent and 28.9 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively.

Exports to **USA** had a total value of \$1.1 million, accounting for 4.4 percent of total exports value, increasing 4.9 percent from the previous quarter but 50.9 percent lower than the same quarter of 2016.

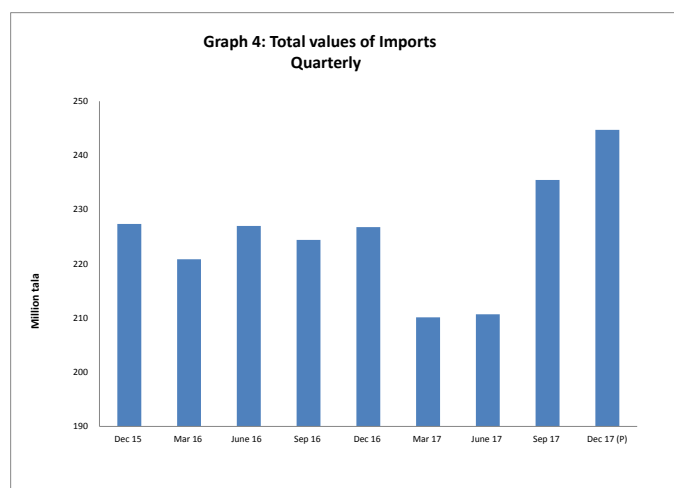
Exports to **Japan** and **Fiji** decreased from the previous quarter, accounting for 4.3 percent and 4.2 percent of total exports value respectively. Exports to **China** and **Singapore** increased, accounting for 1.7 percent and 1.2 percent of total exports while other countries of destination for exports represented 6.8 percent of total exports value. (See Table 3 and Graph3)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Value of Imports

In the December 2017 quarter, imports were valued at \$244.7 million. This value was 3.9 percent and 7.9 percent higher than 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 December 2017 showed a 0.2 percent increase in the total value of imports when compared with the four quarters ending December 2016.

Principal Imports Commodities

In the December 2017 quarter, **mineral products** maintained the largest share of all imports commodity groups, accounting for 16.3 percent of total imports value, increasing 20.9 percent and 20.0 percent (to \$39.8 million) from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively, with petrol and diesel the main driver for the current increase. **Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof** increased 16.2 percent to \$21.3 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 8.7 percent of the total imports value, with increases across a range of commodities including optical fibre cables (up \$2.6 million) and transmission apparatus (up \$1.6 million). In comparison with the December 2016 quarter, the current value of electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof increased 47.2 percent.

Meat and edible meat offal imports were valued at \$18.8 million, representing 7.7 percent of total imports value, decreasing 2.0 percent from the previous quarter but 13.5 percent higher than the same quarter of 2016 respectively, with chicken meats the main driver for the current decrease (down \$1.4 million).

Imports of **vehicles and parts and accessories thereof** were valued at \$17.0 million, contributing 7.0 percent of total imports value, increasing 5.8 percent from the previous quarter but 0.8 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Imports of **nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery** had a total value of \$13.4 million, accounting for 5.5 percent of total imports value, decreasing 3.0 percent from the previous quarter but 12.0 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal were valued at \$8.3 million, contributing 3.4 percent of total imports value, increasing 37.6 percent from the previous quarter and 5.6 percent the corresponding quarter of 2016.

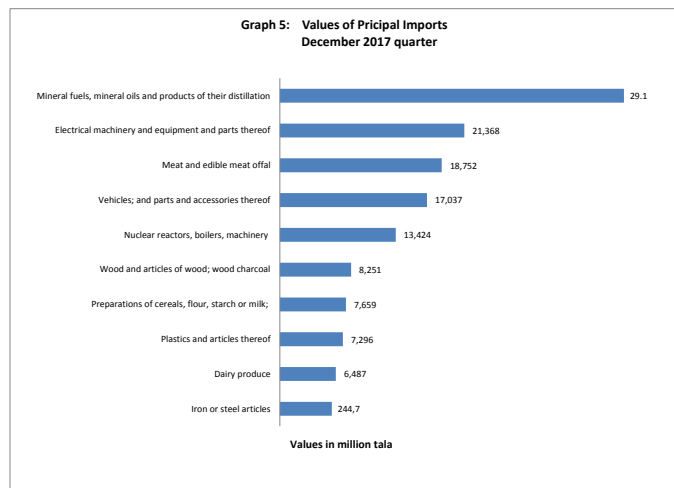
Imports of **preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk** had a total value of \$7.7 million, accounting 3.1 percent of total imports value, rose 17.0 percent and 5.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively.

Import of **plastics and articles thereof** had a total value of \$7.3 million, contributing 3.0 percent of total imports value, decreasing 21.6 percent from the previous quarter and 11.6 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Dairy produce were valued at \$6.5 million, contributing 2.7 percent of total imports value, decreasing 17.5 percent from the previous quarter but 6.0 percent higher than the same quarter of 2016.

Imports of **iron and steel articles** had a total value of \$6.0 million, accounting for 2.5 percent of total imports value, decreasing 30.8 percent from the previous quarter but 3.6 percent higher than the December 2016 quarter while **other commodities** combined had a total value of

\$98.6 million, representing 40.3 percent of total imports value. (See Table 4 and Graph 5).



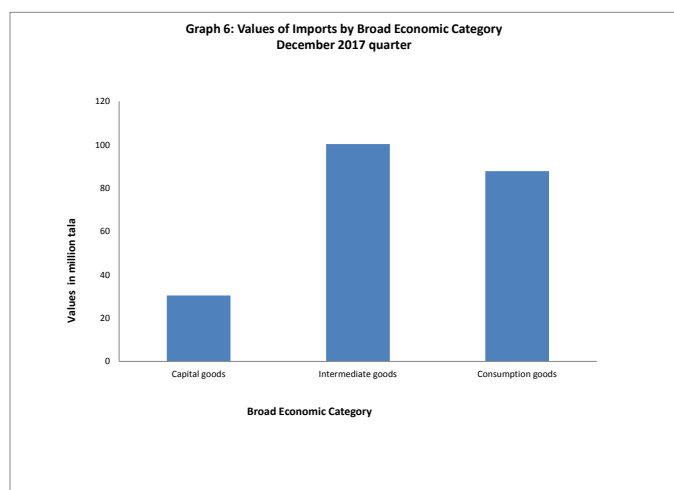
Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Imports by Broad Economic Categories

For the three main broad economic categories in the December 2017 quarter, **capital goods** were valued at \$30.4 million, representing 12.4 percent of total imports value, increasing 5.3 percent from the previous quarter.

Intermediate goods were valued at \$100.3 million, accounting for 41.0 percent of total imports value, decreasing 0.7 percent from the previous quarter.

Consumption goods were valued at \$87.8 million, representing 35.9 percent of total value, increasing 6.4 percent from the previous quarter. (See Table 5 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 December 2017 quarter, contributing 27.2 percent of total imports value, increasing 13.3 percent from the previous quarter and 5.9 percent from the same quarter of 2016.

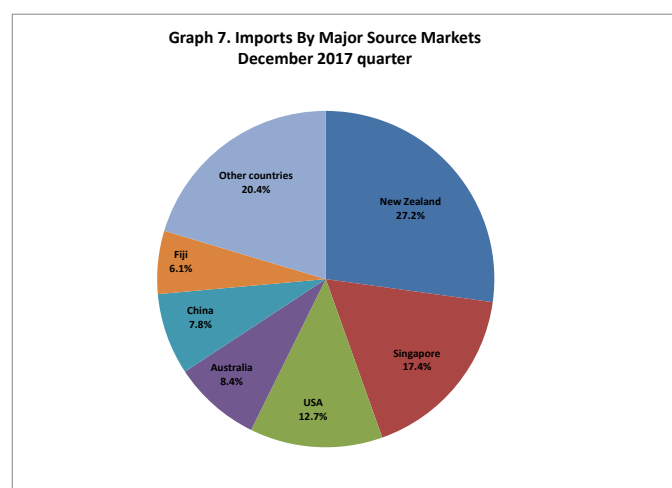
Imports from **Singapore** accounted for 17.4 percent of total imports value, increasing 31.7 percent from the previous quarter and 20.0 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Imports from **USA** accounted for 12.7 percent of total imports value, increasing 20.4 percent and 34.5 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively.

Imports from **Australia** accounted for 8.4 percent of total imports value, decreasing 28.4 percent and 19.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively.

Imports from **China** accounted for 7.8 percent of total imports value, decreasing 28.4 percent and 11.7 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.

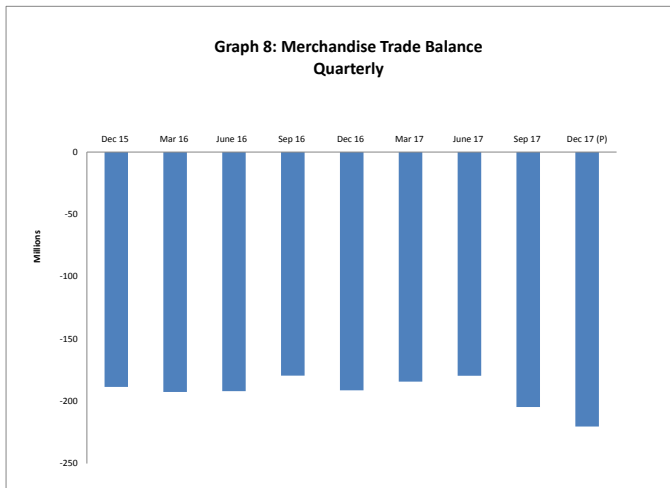
Imports from **Fiji** accounted for 6.1 percent of total imports value, increasing 0.9 percent from the previous quarter but 7.5 percent lower than the same quarter of 2016. All **other countries** of imports accounted for less than 5.0 percent each of total imports had a combined total of 20.4 percent. (See Table 6 and Graph 7)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Merchandise Trade Balance

In the December quarter, the value of imports (\$244.7 million) exceeded that of exports (\$24.4 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$220.3 million. (See Table 1 and Graph 8)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The March 2018 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 27th 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

December 2017 quarter: (October, November, December 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)
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 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		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 (P)	8,390	80,446	-72,056
	November (P)	7,482	93,942	-86,460
	December (P)	8,501	70,324	-61,824

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 of main commodities⁽¹⁾
Amount in thousand tala (SAT.000)

Commodity	Annually		Quarterly								Percentage change		
			2016				2017						
	2016	2017(P)	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec (P)	% of Total	Dec17 / Sep17	Dec 17 / Dec16
Fish	43,524	33,259	8,657	10,153	15,029	9,685	3,886	10,680	11,587	7,107	29.2	-38.7	-26.6
Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft	38,532	8,078	6,871	8,899	13,228	9,534	5,882	838	1,358	-	-	-100.0	-100.0
Petroleum oils	30,770	32,317	5,612	7,781	9,423	7,955	7,364	8,289	8,563	8,101	33.2	-5.4	1.8
Fruit Juices	8,160	4,267	1,770	2,574	2,145	1,672	1,283	1,494	678	812	3.3	19.8	-51.4
Taro	6,315	10,576	1,473	971	1,511	2,360	2,035	3,532	2,779	2,230	9.1	-19.8	-5.5
Beer	3,694	4,873	451	692	629	1,922	913	1,081	1,245	1,635	6.7	31.3	-14.9
Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	592	462	199	117	121	155	135	99	99	129	0.5	29.6	-17.0
Coconut oil	2,239	2,099	157	1,097	526	458	991	711	240	157	0.6	-34.5	-65.7
Crisp savoury food products	80	341	22	16	4	38	150	43	54	95	0.4	74.9	150.6
Coconut	709	1,746	125	184	188	212	421	658	179	488	2.0	172.8	129.9
Other commodities	9,140	14,196	2,918	2,614	2,133	1,474	2,811	3,713	4,052	3,620	14.9	-10.6	145.6
Total Exports	143,755	112,215	28,256	35,098	44,936	35,466	25,871	31,138	30,834	24,372	100.0	-21.0	-31.3

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Table 3.

Exports by major country of destination
Amount in thousand tala (000)

Country of Destination	Annually		Quarterly												Percentage Change		
			2015				2016				2017						
	2016	2017(P)	March	June	Sept	Dec	March	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept	Dec(P)	% of Total	Dec17 / Sep17	Dec 17 / Dec16
Australia	51,623	24,051	13,489	12,410	14,713	16,612	9,412	12,856	16,941	12,414	9,790	5,707	5,587	2,967	12.2	-46.9	-76.1
American Samoa	37,059	29,876	2,335	5,325	11,165	6,118	6,418	8,027	13,291	9,324	3,404	9,070	11,065	6,337	26.0	-42.7	-32.0
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	4,328	4,621	5,580	5,763	3,809	4,296	4,137	4,939	4,892	6,314	5,456	5,414	22.2	-0.8	9.6
USA	9,592	6,253	490	886	3,476	2,404	1,976	2,351	3,067	2,198	2,140	2,005	1,029	1,079	4.4	4.9	-50.9
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	859	1,177	508	1,227	1,483	870	872	1,012	1,565	2,599	2,546	2,449	10.0	-3.8	142.0
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	427	1,049	2,557	1,732	1,215	1,772	2,179	2,410	1,134	1,416	1,776	1,712	7.0	-3.6	-28.9
Fiji	4,575	4,496	1,011	698	1,439	797	1,116	1,181	1,128	1,151	1,288	1,176	1,019	1,013	4.2	-0.6	-12.0
China	2,050	1,281	302	131	880	591	990	550	345	164	469	127	276	409	1.7	48.6	149.4
Japan	4,238	4,028	0	1,318	1,878	2,019	537	1,413	1,303	985	690	1,208	1,082	1,048	4.3	-3.2	6.4
Singapore	1,619	978	612	313	789	494	264	391	823	141	122	271	290	295	1.2	1.8	109.5
Other countries	4,006	3,979	150	464	1,848	1,026	1,037	1,391	848	729	376	1,245	710	1,648	6.8	132.2	126.1
Total Exports	143,755	112,215	24,003	28,393	44,840	38,782	28,256	35,098	44,936	35,466	25,871	31,138	30,834	24,372	100.0	-21.0	-31.3

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Table 4

PRINCIPAL IMPORTS
Amount in thousand tala

Commodities	Annually		Quarterly							Percentage Change	
			2016		2017						
	2016	2017 (P)	Sep	Dec	March	June	Sep	Dec (P)	% of Total	Dec17/ Sep17	Dec 17 / Dec16
Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation	123,914	144,208	22,500	33,217	35,218	36,167	32,959	39,863	16.3	20.9	20.0
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof	68,754	65,998	12,673	14,520	18,079	8,170	18,382	21,368	8.7	16.2	47.2
Meat and edible meat offal	63,065	68,225	17,083	16,524	15,737	14,605	19,130	18,752	7.7	-2.0	13.5
Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery	51,077	49,175	16,469	11,991	9,765	12,140	13,846	13,424	5.5	-3.0	12.0
Vehicles; and parts and accessories thereof	63,897	58,733	20,181	17,167	15,680	9,912	16,103	17,037	7.0	5.8	-0.8
Plastics and articles thereof	43,071	28,833	13,727	8,250	5,838	6,396	9,303	7,296	3.0	-21.6	-11.6
Iron or steel articles	35,226	38,253	7,408	5,810	9,896	13,647	8,691	6,018	2.5	-30.8	3.6
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	30,298	30,278	7,961	7,813	8,140	7,891	5,996	8,251	3.4	37.6	5.6
Dairy produce	25,150	27,564	6,738	6,122	7,792	5,419	7,866	6,487	2.7	-17.5	6.0
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk;	27,436	26,319	7,322	7,272	6,464	5,652	6,544	7,659	3.1	17.0	5.3
Other commodities	367,117	363,411	92,357	98,087	77,515	90,684	96,655	98,557	40.3	2.0	0.5
Total Imports	899,005	900,997	224,418	226,772	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	100	3.9	7.9

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Table 5

IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC

[SATS(000)]

Economic Category	ANNUALLY		QUARTERLY								MONTHLY					
	2016	2017(P)	2016				2017				2017					
			March	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec(P)	July	Aug	Sep	Oct(P)	Nov(P)	Dec(P)
1*	Food and Beverage															
	11* Primary															
	111* Mainly for industry															
	4,566	1,598	1,314	867	1,611	774	589	374	360	274	89	201	70	63	194	17
	112* Mainly for household consumption															
	27,440	26,631	5,943	7,567	7,162	6,769	6,823	6,089	6,831	6,888	2,181	2,270	2,380	2,313	2,385	2,190
	12* Processed															
	121* Mainly for industry															
	213,222	34,591	8,150	7,642	9,320	9,493	9,439	7,997	8,619	8,536	2,195	3,235	3,189	2,721	4,097	1,718
	122* Mainly for household consumption															
	178,616	179,050	38,211	44,953	47,444	48,008	39,752	39,265	50,647	49,385	14,574	18,407	17,666	15,910	18,986	14,489
2*	Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified															
	21* Primary															
	9,843	7,983	3,099	2,194	2,137	2,413	2,293	1,674	1,934	2,082	743	507	685	495	578	1,008
	22* Processed															
	211,264	227,739	56,698	52,785	51,784	49,997	49,865	60,732	60,965	56,177	21,895	18,984	20,086	19,083	21,869	15,224
3*	Fuels and Lubricants															
	31* Primary															
	223	508	24	65	56	79	58	36	22	392	4	-	18	0	237	155
	32* Processed															
	321* Motor spirit															
	55,974	67,913	15,821	15,906	8,867	15,380	16,027	17,555	14,647	19,684	5,089	4,351	5,208	6,805	6,359	6,519
	322* Other															
	64,532	74,644	16,573	17,145	13,429	17,385	19,007	18,416	17,973	19,248	6,139	6,487	5,347	6,177	6,431	6,640
4*	Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and Parts and Accessories thereof															
	41* Capital goods (except transport equipmet)															
	80,312	74,917	16,514	22,469	23,011	18,318	16,307	14,465	22,866	21,279	4,706	7,240	10,921	6,452	8,572	6,255
	42* Parts and accessories															
	31,407	28,542	13,302	7,280	5,029	5,796	7,036	5,931	6,998	8,577	1,716	1,748	3,534	3,933	3,512	1,132
5*	Transport Equipment and Parts and Accessories thereof															
	51* Passenger motor cars															
	27,135	25,136	4,905	5,500	8,768	7,962	7,149	3,118	8,392	6,477	1,073	5,485	1,833	1,712	2,120	2,644
	521* Industrial															
	33,500	29,168	6,611	8,907	9,976	8,006	7,646	6,343	6,034	9,144	1,426	1,924	2,685	4,251	3,333	1,560
	522* Non-industrial															
	2,620	1,174	424	285	331	1,581	242	247	226	458	99	55	72	285	117	57
	53* Parts and accessories															
	14,623	17,015	3,667	4,078	3,641	3,236	4,034	3,827	4,139	5,014	1,190	1,537	1,413	1,332	2,314	1,368
6*	Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified															
	61* Durable															
	17,891	16,741	3,599	4,778	4,860	4,654	2,903	4,037	4,571	5,229	1,534	1,469	1,568	1,666	2,568	995
	62* Semi-durable															
	51,900	39,947	13,509	12,485	14,008	11,898	9,098	9,204	9,175	12,470	2,274	3,191	3,709	3,547	4,915	4,008
	63* Non-durable															
	52,499	47,605	12,432	12,071	12,976	15,020	11,849	11,307	11,062	13,387	3,365	3,255	4,442	3,700	5,351	4,337
7*	Goods Not Elsewhere Specified															
	54	97	39	2	8	5	10	64	12	11	-	11	0	2	8	
	TOTAL IMPORTS															
	899,005	900,997	220,835	226,981	224,418	226,772	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	70,292	80,356	84,827	80,446	93,942	70,324
	of which															
	Capital goods															
	113,813	104,085	23,126	31,376	32,988	26,323	23,953	20,808	28,900	30,423	6,132	9,163	13,605	10,702	11,905	7,816
	Intermediate goods															
	371,063	392,619	102,827	92,057	87,007	89,172	92,319	98,988	101,012	100,300	33,972	32,698	34,342	33,805	39,232	27,262
	Consumption goods															
	330,966	311,148	74,118	82,139	86,781	87,929	70,667	70,150	82,512	87,819	24,027	28,647	29,839	27,421	34,323	26,075

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

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

3 Consumption Goods: sum of categories 112*, 122*, 522*, 61*, 62* and 63*

Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)

HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.)

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Source Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source Customs and PPS establishment survey

Table 6

Imports by main source markets
Amount in thousand tala (000)

Country of Export	Annually		Quarterly							Percentage Change	
			2016		2017						
	2016	2017(P)	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec(P)	% of Total	Dec17/ Sep17	Dec 17 / Dec16
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	59,003	62,861	56,304	56,404	58,715	66,543	27.2	13.3	5.9
Singapore	130,711	149,180	24,314	35,423	37,623	36,791	32,273	42,493	17.4	31.7	20.0
China	107,063	78,410	31,850	21,750	21,641	10,748	26,812	19,209	7.8	-28.4	-11.7
Australia	95,104	94,593	22,061	25,572	19,822	25,323	28,820	20,628	8.4	-28.4	-19.3
United States of America	92,621	100,314	24,211	23,174	20,280	22,961	25,895	31,178	12.7	20.4	34.5
Fiji	67,542	52,437	18,271	16,034	12,083	10,827	14,696	14,831	6.1	0.9	-7.5
Japan	44,649	38,474	13,867	12,446	13,566	5,191	11,147	8,570	3.5	-23.1	-31.1
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	2,731	3,419	2,303	1,477	2,075	1,621	0.7	-21.9	-52.6
Thailand	24,274	21,893	7,575	6,569	4,429	2,310	6,066	9,088	3.7	49.8	38.4
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	3,506	3,192	2,633	3,072	2,071	2,631	1.1	27.0	-17.6
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	6,635	6,804	4,844	7,026	12,230	9,444	3.9	-22.8	38.8
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	871	1,312	590	9,839	804	661	0.3	-17.8	-49.6
Korea Democratic	3,996	3,338	1,732	204	1,605	323	668	742	0.3	11.1	264.4
India	3,161	2,433	977	900	515	399	887	632	0.3	-28.7	-29.7
Taiwan	4,932	1,371	1,172	1,267	651	389	127	205	0.1	62.2	-83.8
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	119	433	6,344	3,272	3,138	4,334	1.8	38.1	901.3
Papua New Guinea	823	664	223	192	212	93	175	184	0.1	5.2	-4.2
Tonga	2,248	187	53	112	54	29	1	102	0.0	9521.5	-8.8
Philippines	2,282	1,137	592	1,027	310	332	246	249	0.1	1.4	-75.7
Other countries	19,976	38,192	4,655	4,081	4,317	13,880	8,629	11,366	4.6	31.7	178.5
Total Imports	899,005	900,997	224,418	226,772	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	100.0	3.9	7.9

Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)

All values are in Samoan tala.

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(P) : Provisional figures

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