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Merchandise Trade March 2018

Highlights of the month

March 2018 compared with February 2018

Exports¹

- ✚ The total value of merchandise exports increased 39.8 percent to \$8.1 million in March 2018.
- ✚ 'Food and Live animals' had the largest increase of all commodity groups (up \$2.2 million), reflecting higher values of fish (up \$759 thousand) and taro (up \$319 thousand) and maintained the top commodity groups exported in March 2018, accounting for 61.7 percent of total exports value.
- ✚ Exports to Tokelau had the largest increase (up \$1.1 million) in March 2018.

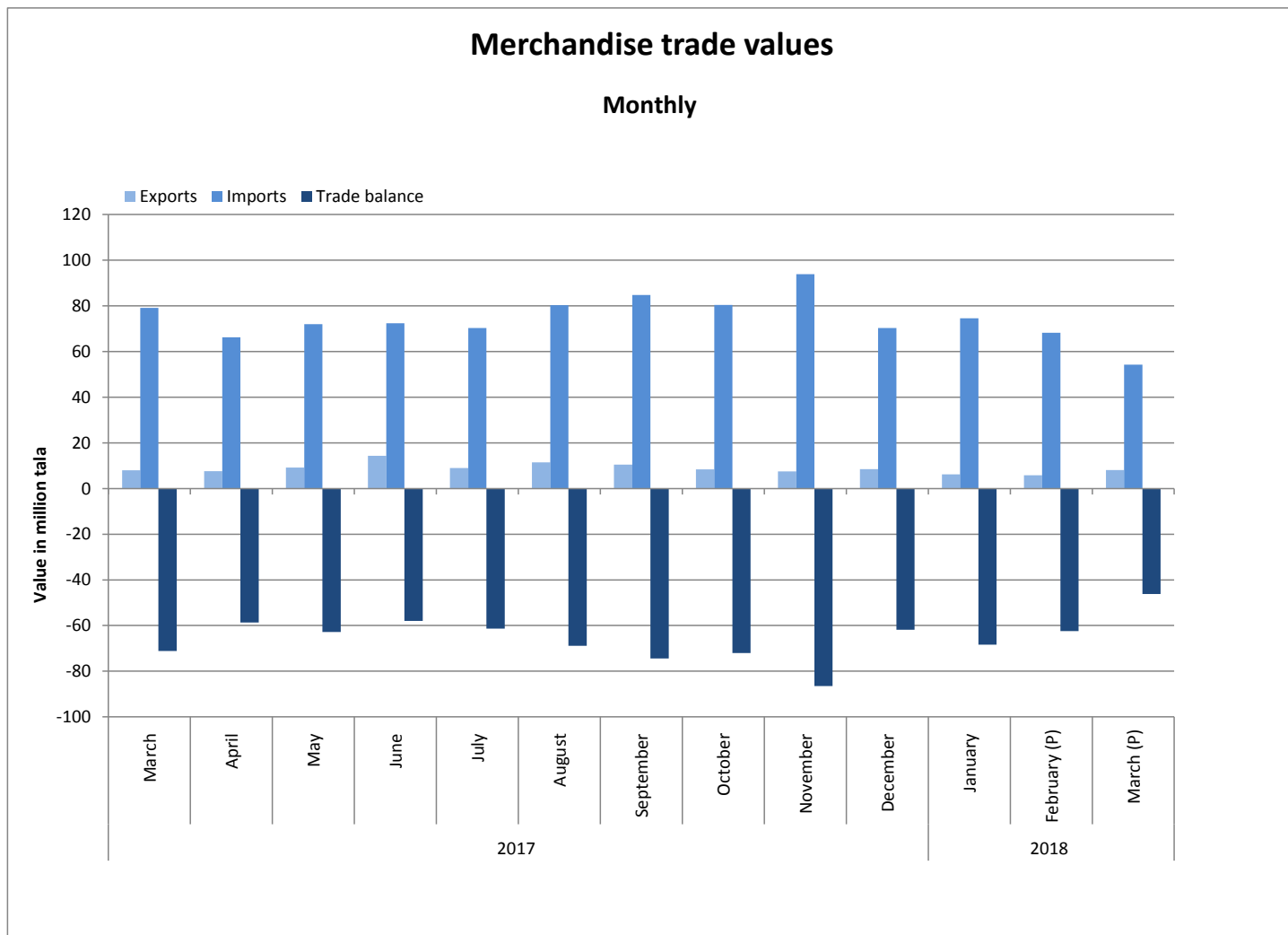
Imports

- ✚ The total value of merchandise imports decreased 20.4 percent to \$54.3 million in March 2018.
- ✚ Imports of 'Mineral fuels' led the fall (down \$16.6 million).
- ✚ Imports of 'Food and live animal' commodities had the largest share of all commodities imported in March 2018, accounting for 34.0 percent of total imports value.
- ✚ Imports from Singapore had the largest decrease (down \$16.5 million) in March 2018.

Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$54.3 million) exceeded that of exports (\$8.1 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$46.2 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 April 2018 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 15th 2018.

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Table 1

Merchandise Trade SummaryAmount 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	24,372	244,712	-220,340
Mar 18 (P)	20,050	197,020	-176,969
Monthly			
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	8,501	70,324	-61,824
2018			
January	6,181	74,546	-68,365
February (P)	5,784	68,186	-62,402
March (P)	8,085	54,288	-46,203

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

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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
2016 (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	46	367	7,044	583	-
2016 Qtr 2	35,098	14,147	868	566	7,805	1,097	30	167	10,201	217	-
2016 Qtr 3	44,936	19,552	796	264	9,440	526	107	221	13,579	452	0
2016 Qtr 4	35,466	14,365	2,128	222	8,030	458	66	221	9,860	114	-
2017 Qtr 1	25,871	8,711	1,203	609	7,425	496	545	643	5,954	286	-
2017 Qtr 2	31,138	17,313	1,244	658	8,335	715	144	737	1,174	818	-
2017 Qtr 3	30,834	16,606	1,378	389	8,678	174	350	756	1,894	609	-
2017 Qtr 4	24,372	12,267	1,859	425	8,175	14	408	413	453	359	-
2018 Qtr 1 (P)	20,050	10,660	1,737	258	5,848	17	320	555	416	239	-
2016 January	11,069	5,441	223	257	2,198	-	17	281	2,462	189	-
2016 February	8,550	2,952	164	481	1,783	0	15	27	2,942	185	-
2016 March	8,637	4,368	352	203	1,633	160	14	58	1,640	208	-
2016 April	8,837	1,805	326	214	2,888	352	1	24	3,212	15	-
2016 May	13,864	7,580	218	103	2,177	377	5	60	3,323	21	-
2016 June	12,397	4,762	324	248	2,740	369	24	83	3,666	180	-
2016 July	14,810	4,787	305	52	3,293	-	20	70	6,038	245	-
2016 August	13,398	6,508	265	54	3,044	227	77	35	3,100	89	0
2016 September	16,728	8,257	226	158	3,103	299	10	116	4,441	118	-
2016 October	13,807	5,267	621	93	2,800	120	12	9	4,867	18	-
2016 November	11,224	3,125	953	54	2,119	328	10	77	4,472	84	-
2016 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	-
2017 February	10,181	2,312	566	159	2,036	102	0	294	4,599	113	-
2017 March	8,000	3,884	343	188	2,460	-	521	93	379	132	-
2017 April	7,589	4,555	236	221	2,043	180	13	40	279	21	-
2017 May	9,191	4,065	448	162	3,470	105	62	195	208	477	-
2017 June	14,358	8,693	559	276	2,822	429	69	502	687	319	-
2017 July	8,952	4,703	345	93	2,806	6	49	220	586	146	-
2017 August	11,450	6,663	477	60	2,675	1	214	142	1,049	169	-
2017 September	10,432	5,241	555	236	3,198	167	88	394	259	295	-
2017 October	8,390	4,112	624	77	2,881	1	73	152	347	122	-
2017 November	7,482	4,059	562	196	2,320	-	201	98	24	21	-
2017 December	8,501	4,096	673	152	2,974	12	134	163	81	217	-
2018 January	6,181	2,856	544	72	2,421	0	50	179	8	51	-
2018 February (P)	5,784	2,817	564	106	1,818	1	58	172	236	13	-
2018 March (P)	8,085	4,987	629	80	1,609	16	212	204	172	176	-

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Table 3: Exports (value) by major countries of Destination*Value (in '000 Tala)*

Country of Destination	Annually		Quarterly					Monthly													Percentage Change			
	2016	2017(P)	2017				2018	2017												2018			Mar18 / Feb18	Mar18/Mar17
			Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Mar (P)				
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	4,892	6,314	5,456	5,414	4,286	2,214	2,427	2,147	1,741	1,152	1,764	2,540	1,683	1,603	2,129	1,631	1,126	1,529	35.8	-30.9		
Australia	51,623	24,051	9,790	5,707	5,587	2,967	1,573	1,649	1,512	2,106	2,089	1,732	2,111	1,743	1,349	994	625	671	405	497	22.5	-69.9		
American Samoa	37,059	29,876	3,404	9,070	11,065	6,337	5,261	1,136	1,477	1,675	5,919	3,450	4,416	3,199	2,766	1,401	2,170	1,540	1,935	1,785	-7.7	57.1		
Fiji	4,575	4,496	1,288	1,176	1,019	1,013	767	730	328	308	539	356	334	329	289	274	450	341	256	170	-33.5	-76.7		
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	1,565	2,599	2,546	2,449	2,814	273	127	796	1,676	789	932	825	745	527	1,177	579	549	1,686	207.0	517.2		
China	2,050	1,281	469	127	276	409	75	42	85	42	0	144	43	89	57	133	220	61	13	-	#VALUE!	#VALUE!		
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	1,134	1,416	1,776	1,712	1,380	236	294	487	635	562	643	571	658	406	648	543	475	362	-23.9	53.6		
Japan	4,238	4,028	690	1,208	1,082	1,048	1,333	277	308	423	477	124	815	143	53	639	355	132	171	1,029	500.5	271.4		
Singapore	1,619	978	122	271	290	295	425	64	43	147	81	134	115	40	156	114	24	166	233	26	-88.6	-58.8		
United States of America	9,592	6,253	2,140	2,005	1,029	1,079	1,126	1,220	955	395	654	386	131	512	411	450	218	247	436	443	1.5	-63.7		
Other countries	4,006	3,979	376	1,245	710	1,648	1,011	160	33	664	548	125	144	441	223	942	484	269	184	558	203.1	249.1		
Total Exports	143,755	112,215	25,871	31,138	30,834	24,372	20,050	8,000	7,589	9,191	14,358	8,952	11,450	10,432	8,390	7,482	8,501	6,181	5,784	8,085	39.8	1.1		

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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 ricants & Related			Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manu-factured	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Misc-e-laneous 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	244,712	62,288	3,085	6,342	39,541	1,656	16,241	36,365	53,268	25,922	5
2018	Qtr 1 (P)	197,020	54,434	3,197	3,685	31,254	1,129	16,255	30,287	40,213	16,559	7
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	70,324	17,132	1,145	2,030	13,234	673	4,952	11,782	12,232	7,145	-
2018	January	74,546	19,303	903	635	13,179	445	5,842	11,151	16,835	6,250	2
	February (P)	68,186	16,680	1,004	1,096	17,319	454	5,846	9,875	11,235	4,678	-
	March(P)	54,288	18,451	1,290	1,954	756	230	4,567	9,260	12,143	5,631	5

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Table 5: Imports (value) by major countries of Exports
Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Export	Annually		Quarterly					Monthly															Percentage Change	
			2017				2018	2017												2018			Mar18 / Feb18	Mar18/Mar17
	2016	2017 (P)	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb(P)	Mar(P)		
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	56,304	56,404	58,715	66,543	53,638	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	14,768	20,755	-18.5	7.8
Australia	95,104	94,593	19,822	25,323	28,820	20,628	22,705	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	8,380	6,596	8.4	25.8
Fiji	67,542	52,437	12,083	10,827	14,696	14,831	12,462	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	4,346	3,599	-17.2	-33.9
United States of America	92,621	100,314	20,280	22,961	25,895	31,178	21,503	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	6,606	7,205	9.1	30.8
China, Peoples Republic of	107,063	78,410	21,641	10,748	26,812	19,209	16,931	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	5,152	4,395	-14.7	-43.3
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	4,844	7,026	12,230	9,444	7,708	3,158	339	1,347	2,299	1,030	3,697	3,026	4,054	5,150	690	4,183	4,571	2,727	1,600	3,381	111.3	150.9
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	2,633	3,072	2,071	2,631	3,087	398	513	1,722	678	1,264	1,130	608	591	873	346	1,398	886	551	1,469	1,067	-27.3	-38.0
Japan	44,649	38,474	13,566	5,191	11,147	8,570	5,611	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	1,288	1,763	36.8	-65.4
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	2,303	1,477	2,075	1,621	1,604	413	874	1,016	560	142	775	658	551	866	452	823	346	962	393	249	-36.5	-75.5
Philippines	2,282	1,137	310	332	246	249	105	3	58	249	126	203	3	1	212	33	7	96	146	46	-	59	#DIV/0!	-76.3
Singapore	130,711	149,180	37,623	36,791	32,273	42,493	32,490	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	17,695	1,184	-93.3	-90.3
Thailand	24,274	21,893	4,429	2,310	6,066	9,088	5,197	2,047	1,562	820	994	945	371	467	2,866	2,733	4,455	2,820	1,813	2,021	1,822	1,354	-25.7	65.1
India	3,161	2,433	515	399	887	632	2,069	328	46	140	276	66	57	14	655	218	175	188	270	1,027	639	403	-37.0	187.3
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	1,605	323	668	742	662	704	339	562	323	-	-	108	560	-	116	535	92	111	101	449	344.8	-20.0
Korea Republic of	1,437	17,088	6,344	3,272	3,138	4,334	7,056	1,665	806	3,873	1,168	587	1,517	524	1,433	1,181	1,332	1,282	1,720	3,634	2,475	948	-61.7	-75.5
Papua New Guinea	823	664	212	93	175	184	72	63	7	142	1	4	87	87	84	4	29	59	97	1	70	1	-98.1	-99.1
Tonga	2,248	187	54	29	1	102	3	4	10	40	1	20	8	-	-	1	53	35	14	-	3	-	-100.0	-100.0
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	651	389	127	205	564	176	193	281	13	165	210	1	125	-	1	138	66	312	115	136	18.2	-51.5
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	590	9,839	804	661	663	218	101	271	5,296	106	4,437	261	372	172	205	217	239	136	371	156	-58.0	-42.5
Other countries	19,976	38,192	4,317	13,880	8,629	11,366	2,891	955	666	2,696	7,113	6,008	758	2,891	1,060	4,678	4,150	6,456	760	1,411	893	588	-34.2	-78.2
Total Imports	899,005	900,997	210,126	210,684	235,475	244,712	197,020	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	68,186	54,288	-20.4	-31.4

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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