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IMPORT PRICE INDEX – QUARTER 3 2013
(Base Period: Quarter 1 2009 = 100.0)

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The Import Price Index (MPI) measures changes in the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) prices of imports of merchandise into Samoa. It is a fixed weights index with Quarter 1 2009 = 100.0 and is calculated on a quarterly basis using the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS). The items included in the index were selected on the basis of their importance to the total import.

The scope of the MPI relates to the following sections of the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS): 1. Live Animals: Animal Products, 2. Vegetable Products, 3. Animal or Vegetable fats and oils, 4. Food and Beverages and 5. Mineral Products. The index represents 50 percent of total imports.

Index numbers for each of the five Sections of its HS, and their ten major component chapters, are presented in Table 2.

HS Section percentage changes for Quarter 3 2013 over Quarter 3 of 2012 are displayed in Table 1. The percentage changes for Quarter 3 2013 over the previous quarter are summarized below.

HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products: 1.6%
Prices of mutton (flaps and necks), powdered milk and butter increased.

HS Section 2: Vegetable Products: -3.5%
Prices of potatoes, rice and flour decreased.

HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils: 1.4%
Prices of vegetable oil and margarine increased.

HS Section 4: Food and Beverages: -16.6%
Prices of sugar (white and brown), macaroni, pastry, corned beef and cake biscuits decreased

HS Section 5: Mineral Products: 12%
Prices of petrol, kerosene and diesel increased.

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Note: Because of recent difficulties in obtaining information from importers, a portion of the index is imputed based on information from other importers.

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The MPI for Quarter 4 2013 will be ready on 31th January 2014.

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IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: Quarter Q1, 2009 = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight	2012			2013			% Change	
			Q2 12	Q3 12	Q4 12	Q1 13	Q2 13	Q3 13	Q3-13 / Q2- 13	Q3-13 /Q3- 12
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	**100**	**115.9**	**116.3**	**116.0**	**120.3**	**119.2**	**121.1**	**1.6**	**4.1**
02	Meat	71.2	115.6	118.4	117.6	121.2	120.1	123.6	**2.8**	**4.4**
04	Dairy	28.8	116.4	111.3	112.2	118.1	117.0	115.0	**-1.7**	**3.3**
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	**100**	**76.8**	**79.2**	**80.4**	**80.8**	**79.8**	**77.0**	**-3.5**	**-2.8**
07	Vegetables	17	83.2	86.2	92.8	101.0	98.7	97.2	**-1.5**	**12.7**
10	Cereals	31.7	74.9	75.4	75.1	71.8	70.8	68.4	**-3.3**	**-9.3**
11	Milled prods.	51.3	75.9	79.3	79.5	79.7	79.0	75.6	**-4.4**	**-4.7**
III.	FATS & OILS	**100**	**95.3**	**96.4**	**91.7**	**88.5**	**88.1**	**89.4**	**1.4**	**-7.3**
15	Fats & oils	100	95.3	96.4	91.7	88.5	88.1	89.4	**1.4**	**-7.3**
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	**100**	**117.6**	**116.0**	**114.8**	**115.0**	**114.8**	**95.8**	**-16.6**	**-17.4**
16	Meat, fish	43.6	95.7	96.7	96.3	95.2	99.8	99.8	**0.0**	**3.2**
17	Sugars	24	180.5	171.9	169.2	171.7	163.5	86.8	**-46.9**	**-49.5**
19	Cereals	32.4	100.5	100.7	99.3	99.7	99.0	97.1	**-1.9**	**-3.5**
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	**100**	**172.2**	**154.5**	**166.5**	**161.4**	**152.3**	**170.5**	**12.0**	**10.3**
27	Mineral fuels	100	172.2	154.5	166.5	161.4	152.3	170.5	**12.0**	**10.3**

Table 2

	Weight	Qtr 3_2012	Qtr 4_2012	Qtr 1_2013	Qtr 2_2013	Qtr 3_2013
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS						
02 Meat	**100.0**					
0204 Sheep	33.7	170.1	166.9	181.1	172.5	186.8
0207 Poultry	66.3	92.1	92.5	90.7	93.5	91.4
04 Dairy	**100.0**					
0401 Milk	42.0	112.4	115.2	119.7	112.2	108.3
0402 Milk, conc.	17.9	118.1	115.9	122.7	122.8	124.8
0405 Butter	24.1	94.7	96.0	99.9	98.9	99.2
0407 Eggs	16.0	125.9	124.8	136.2	150.2	145.7
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS						
07 Vegetables	**100.0**					
0701 Potatoes	56.5	87.4	90.8	94.0	112.9	105.8
0703 Onions	43.5	84.6	95.4	110.1	80.2	86.0
10 Cereals	**100.0**					
1006 Rice	100.0	75.4	75.1	71.8	70.8	68.4
11 Milled prods.	**100.0**					
1101 Wheat	100.0	79.3	79.5	79.7	79.0	75.6
III. FATS & OILS						
15 Fats & oils	**100.0**					
1507 Soya-bean	27.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1516 Hydrogenated	36.7	97.2	84.6	75.7	75.3	77.0
1517 Margarine	35.7	92.8	92.7	92.9	92.1	93.9
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES& TOBACCO						
16 Meat, fish	**100.0**					
1602 Meat	31.0	112.9	114.3	113.9	124.5	121.1
1604 Fish	69.0	89.5	88.3	86.8	88.7	90.2
17 Sugars	**100.0**					
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	171.9	169.2	171.7	163.5	86.8
19 Cereals	**100.0**					
1902 Pasta	56.0	107.7	105.8	106.4	105.3	104.7
1905 Bread	44.0	91.7	91.1	91.2	90.9	87.4
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS						
27 Mineral fuels	**100.0**					
2710 Petroleum oils	100.0	154.5	166.5	161.4	152.3	170.5