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IMPORT PRICE INDEX – QUARTER 4 2012 **(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 4 2012 over Quarter 4 of 2011 are displayed in Table 1. The percentage changes for Quarter 4 2012 over the previous quarter are summarized below.

HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products: -0.3%

Prices of mutton (flaps and necks), powdered milk and eggs decreased.

HS Section 2: Vegetable Products: 1.5%

Prices of onions, potatoes and flour increased.

HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils: -4.8%

Prices of vegetable oil and margarine decreased.

HS Section 4: Food and Beverages: -1.1%

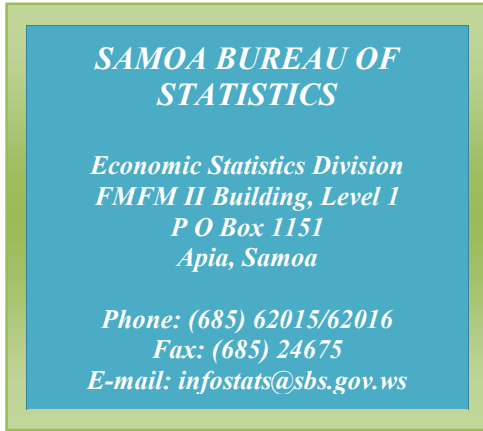
Prices of brown sugar, macaroni, vermicelli, cake biscuits, pastry and canned fish (natural oil) decreased

HS Section 5: Mineral Products: 7.7%

Prices of petrol, kerosene and diesel increased.

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

If you would like more information about the Import Price Index for Quarter 4 2012, please contact the Economics Division of the Samoa Bureau of Statistics at:



The MPI for Quarter 1 2013 will be ready on 30th April 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Muagututi'a S. Reupena', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Muagututi'a S. Reupena
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IMPORT PRICE INDEX
Base: Quarter Q1, 2009 = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight	2011	2012				% Change	
			Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12	Q4 12	Q4-2012 / Q3 2012	Q4-2012 / Q4 2011
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	100	114.3	112.1	115.9	116.3	116.0	-0.3	1.5
02	Meat	71.2	113.3	110.8	115.6	118.4	117.6	-0.7	3.7
04	Dairy	28.8	116.8	115.3	116.4	111.3	112.2	0.9	-3.9
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	100	84.5	81.1	76.8	79.2	80.4	1.5	-4.9
07	Vegetables	17	110.7	108.5	83.2	86.2	92.8	7.6	-16.2
10	Cereals	31.7	74.3	76.0	74.9	75.4	75.1	-0.4	1.0
11	Milled prods.	51.3	82.1	75.2	75.9	79.3	79.5	0.3	-3.2
III.	FATS & OILS	100	96.7	103.1	95.3	96.4	91.7	-4.8	-5.1
15	Fats & oils	100	96.7	103.1	95.3	96.4	91.7	-4.8	-5.1
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	100	108.6	114.3	117.6	116.0	114.8	-1.1	5.7
16	Meat, fish	43.6	83.2	87.4	95.7	96.7	96.3	-0.4	15.8
17	Sugars	24	164.6	175.8	180.5	171.9	169.2	-1.5	2.8
19	Cereals	32.4	101.3	104.9	100.5	100.7	99.3	-1.3	-1.9
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	100	161.9	163.4	172.2	154.5	166.5	7.7	2.8
27	Mineral fuels	100	161.9	163.4	172.2	154.5	166.5	7.7	2.8

		Qtr 4_2011	Qtr 1_2012	Qtr 2_2012	Qtr 3_ 2012	Qtr 4_ 2012
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS						
02 Meat	100.0					
0204 Sheep	33.7	161.5	167.9	167.2	170.1	166.9
0207 Poultry	66.3	88.8	81.7	89.4	92.1	92.5
04 Dairy	100.0					
0401 Milk	42.0	118.6	120.9	115.5	112.4	115.2
0402 Milk, conc.	17.9	114.3	119.9	120.6	118.1	115.9
0405 Butter	24.1	108.6	101.3	107.2	94.7	96.0
0407 Eggs	16.0	127.4	116.6	128.3	125.9	124.8
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS						
07 Vegetables	100.0					
0701 Potatoes	56.5	116.0	110.8	98.1	87.4	90.8
0703 Onions	43.5	103.8	105.5	63.9	84.6	95.4
10 Cereals	100.0					
1006 Rice	100.0	74.3	76.0	74.9	75.4	75.1
11 Milled prods.	100.0					
1101 Wheat	100.0	82.1	75.2	75.9	79.3	79.5
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	82.3	99.6	93.2	97.2	84.6
1517 Margarine	35.7	108.8	108.9	93.7	92.8	92.7
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO						
16 Meat, fish	100.0					
1602 Meat	31.0	94.2	111.3	112.1	112.9	114.3
1604 Fish	69.0	78.3	76.6	88.3	89.5	88.3
17 Sugars	100.0					
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	164.6	175.8	180.5	171.9	169.2
19 Cereals	100.0					
1902 Pasta	56.0	108.7	116.1	107.2	107.7	105.8
1905 Bread	44.0	91.7	90.6	92.0	91.7	91.1
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS						
27 Mineral fuels	100.0					
2710 Petroleum oils	100.0	161.9	163.4	172.2	154.5	166.5

Revised Figure