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International Merchandise Trade

November 2024

## Highlights of the month

November 2024 compared with October 2024

### Merchandise Exports<sup>1</sup>

- The total value of exports declined significantly by 75.2% (or \$23.9 million) to \$7.9 million. This sharp drop was primarily driven by notable decreases in the exports and re-exports of:
  - Electrical machinery and equipment products (down \$25.4 million)
  - Mineral fuels, minerals oils, and related products (down \$0.6 million)
  - Fruit and nuts, and edible products (down \$0.03 million)
  - Iron and steel products (down \$0.3 million)
- Exports to Asia were valued at \$0.5 million, reflecting a dramatic decline of \$27.0 million from the previous month. This was largely attributed to the drop in the re-export of fiber optic cables to Singapore.
- Exports to Singapore, valued at \$0.09 million (down \$26.8 million), Tokelau at \$1.0 million (down \$0.2 million), and American Samoa at \$0.2 million (down \$0.04 million) recorded the largest declines in November 2024. These decreases were primarily due to lower exports and re-exports of fiber cables, petroleum products, timber, and scrap metals, among other items.

## Merchandise Imports

- The total value of imports decreased by 17.2% (or \$23.2 million) to \$111.8 million in November 2024. This decline was driven by reductions in the imports of:
  - Meat and edible meat products (down \$3.8 million)
  - Dairy products (down \$2.8 million)
  - Electrical machinery and equipment products (down \$2.5 million)
  - Nuclear reactors, boilers, and machinery products (down \$1.6 million)
- Imports from the Oceania region, valued at \$50.8 million, recorded the largest decrease in November 2024, declining by \$19.2 million. This was mainly due to reduced imports of wood, sugar, and flour, among other items.
- Imports from New Zealand, valued at \$33.0 million (down \$6.2 million), Fiji of \$10.8 million (down \$9.3 million), and the USA at \$9.3 million (down \$4.3 million), recorded the largest decreases in the reviewed month. These declines were primarily due to lower importation of food products, such as chicken leg quarter, milk, and sugar, among others.

### Trade Balance

In November 2024, total imports of \$111.8 million exceeded exports of \$7.9 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$103.9 million.
The trade deficit increased by 0.7% compared to the previous month, but it was 5.2% lower than in the same month last year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes re-exports commodities



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Fefa'ataua'iga o Oloa Novema 2024

## Oto'otoga o le Masina

Masina o Novema 2024 faatusa ia Oketopa 2024

#### 'Oloa 'auina atu i fafo<sup>2</sup>

- O le tau aofai o oloa auina atu i fafo i le masina o Novema 2024 na faamauina le pa'ū maualalo i le 75.2% (poo le \$23.9 miliona) i le \$7.9 miliona. O lenei pa'ū na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
  - Masini mo auaunaga tau eletise ma isi (pa'ū i le \$25.4 miliona)
  - Suāu'u (pa'u i le \$0.6 miliona)
  - ✤ Fua/l'o o laau 'aina (pa'ū i le \$0.03 miliona)
  - ✤ Uamea ma apa (pa'ū i le \$0.3 miliona)
- O le itulagi o Asia na faamauina e \$0.5 miliona le tau aofai o oloa na auina atu iai, mafua mai i le pa'ū maualalo o oloa e pei o masini mo auaunaga tau telefoni i le \$27.0 miliona pea faatusa i le masina ua mavae.
- O oloa auina atu i Sigapoa e \$0.09 miliona (pa'u i le \$26.8 miliona), Tokelau e \$1.0 miliona (pa'u i le \$0.2 miliona) ma Amerika Samoa e \$0.2 miliona (pa'ū i le \$0.04 miliona) na faamauina le pau maulalo i le masina o Novema 2024. O oloa e pei o masini mo auaunaga tau telefoni, penisini ma suau'u, uamea ma isi oloa.

#### 'Oloa 'auina mai

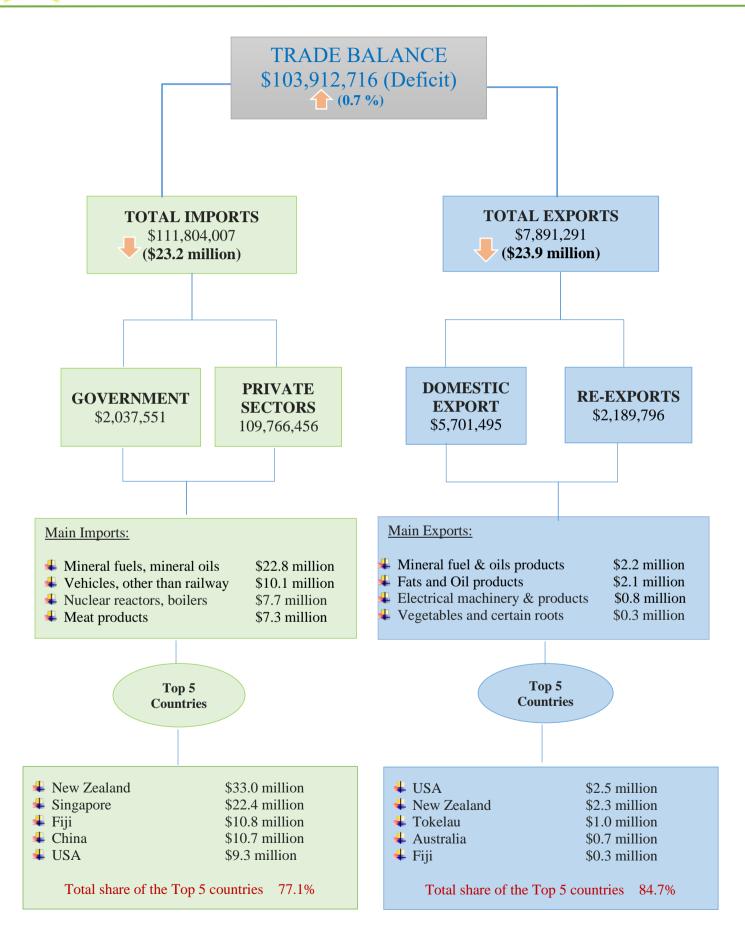
- O le tau aofai o oloa auina mai fafo i le masina o Novema 2024 na faamauina le pa'ū maualalo i le 17.2% (poo le \$23.2 miliona) i le \$111.8 miliona. O lenei pa'u na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
  - ✤ Aano o manu fasi ma isi oloa i lea ituaiga (pa'ū i le \$3.8 miliona)
  - Oloa gaosia mai le susu (pa'ū i le \$2.8 miliona)
  - Masini mo auaunaga tau eletise ma isi (pa'ū i le \$2.5 miliona)
  - Masini ma meafaigaluega mo galuega tetele (pa'ū i le \$1.6 miliona)
- O le itulagi o Oseania na faamauina e \$50.8 miliona le tau aofai o oloa na auina mai ia Novema 2024 (pa'ū i le \$19.2 miliona). O mafua ona o le faaitiitia o oloa e pei o laupapa, suka, falaoamata ma isi.
- O le tau aofai o oloa auina mai i Niu Sila e \$33.0 miliona (pa'ū i le \$6.2 miliona), Fiti e \$10.8 miliona (pa'ū i le \$9.3 miliona) ma Amerika e \$9.3 miliona (pa'ū i le \$4.3 miliona) na faamauina le pa'ū maualalo i le masina Novema 2024. E mafua ona o le faaitiitia o oloa e aofia ai meaai e pei o moa, susu, falaoamata, suka ma isi.

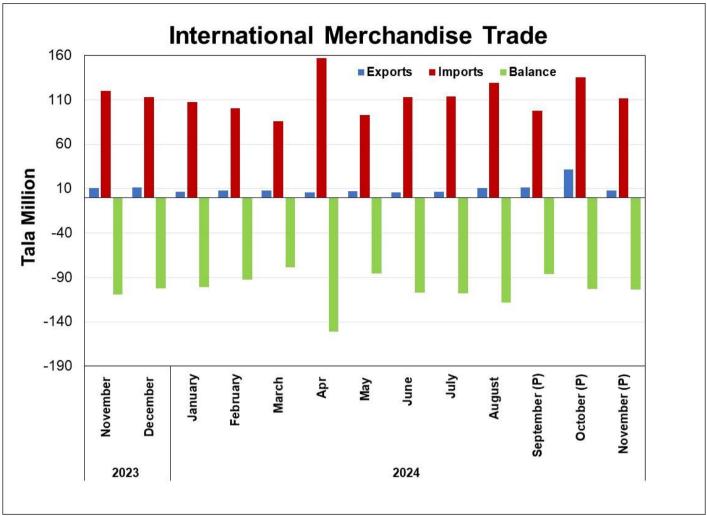
#### Paleni o Fefa'ataua'iga

O le tau aofai o oloa auina mai fafo e \$111.8 miliona, ao oloa auina atu i fafo e \$7.9 miliona, faamauina ai le eseesega e \$103.9 miliona o le paleni o fefa'atauaiga o oloa ia Novema 2024. O lenei paleni na faamauina le si'itia i le 0.7% faatusa i le masina ua tuanai, peitai na faaitiitia i le 5.2% pe'ā faatusa i le masina o Novema i le tausaga ua mavae.

<sup>2</sup> Aofia ai ma oloa mai i fafo toe auina (faatau) atu I fafo







Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide users with more detailed information.

# **Technical Notes**

The primary source of import and export data is the administrative document, the completed customs form (Single Administrative data - SAD). The form is required to be filled out by importers, exporters, or customs agents when clearing merchandise inward and outward through the Ministry of Customs and Revenue.

The December 2024 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on February 17th 2025.

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