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### Merchandise Trade April 2018

#### **Highlights of the month**

*April 2018 compared with March 2018*

#### **Exports<sup>1</sup>**

- ✚ The total value of merchandise exports decreased 1.2 percent to \$8.0 million in April 2018.
- ✚ 'Food and Live animals' had the largest decrease of all commodity groups (down \$1.2 million), reflecting lower values of fish (down \$877 thousand) but maintained the top commodity groups exported in April 2018, accounting for 47.2 percent of total exports value.
- ✚ Exports to Tokelau had the largest decrease (down \$747 thousand) while exports to USA had the largest increase (up \$921 thousand) in March 2018.

#### **Imports**

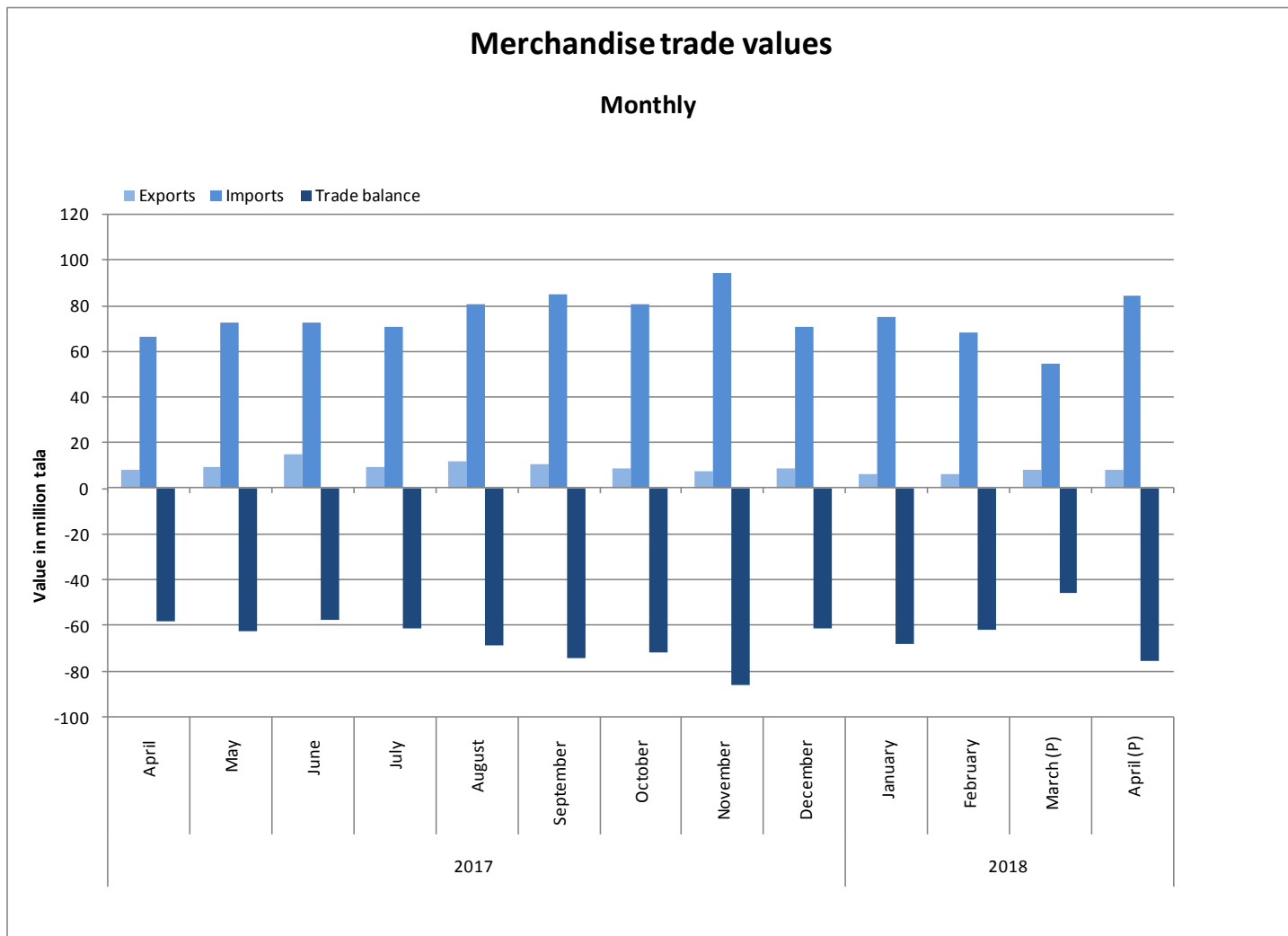
- ✚ The total value of merchandise imports increased 54.9 percent to \$84.1 million in April 2018.
- ✚ Imports of 'Mineral fuels' led the rise (up \$20.0 million).
- ✚ Imports of 'Food and live animal' commodities maintained the top commodity groups imported in April 2018, accounting for 25.6 percent of total imports value.
- ✚ Imports from Singapore had the largest increase (up \$19.5 million) in April 2018.

#### **Trade Balance**

- ✚ The value of imports (\$84.1 million) exceeded that of exports (\$8.0 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$76.1 million.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 May 2018 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

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Table 1

**Merchandise Trade Summary**Amount in thousand tala

<b>Period</b>		<b>EXPORTS (fob)</b> <b>(a)</b>	<b>Imports (cif)</b> <b>(b)</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b> <b>(a-b)</b>
<b>2011</b>		153,111	805,752	-652,641
<b>2012</b>		176,428	791,974	-615,546
<b>2013</b>		144,103	851,292	-707,189
<b>2014</b>		117,773	895,326	-777,553
<b>2015</b>		136,018	855,390	-719,372
<b>2016</b>		143,755	899,005	-755,250
<b>2017 (P)</b>		112,215	900,997	-788,782
<b>Three months ended</b>				
<b>Mar 13</b>		28,360	176,841	-148,482
<b>June 13</b>		30,184	209,695	-179,511
<b>Sep 13</b>		48,134	240,506	-192,372
<b>Dec 13</b>		37,425	224,250	-186,825
<b>Mar 14</b>		23,289	201,821	-178,532
<b>June 14</b>		26,391	218,223	-191,833
<b>Sep 14</b>		38,971	246,873	-207,902
<b>Dec 14</b>		29,123	228,409	-199,286
<b>Mar 15</b>		24,003	202,664	-178,660
<b>June 15</b>		28,393	202,557	-174,164
<b>Sept 15</b>		44,840	222,818	-177,979
<b>Dec 15</b>		38,782	227,350	-188,569
<b>Mar 16</b>		28,256	220,835	-192,579
<b>June 16</b>		35,098	226,981	-191,883
<b>Sep 16</b>		44,936	224,418	-179,482
<b>Dec 16</b>		35,466	226,772	-191,306
<b>Mar 17</b>		25,871	210,126	-184,255
<b>June 17</b>		31,138	210,684	-179,546
<b>Sep 17</b>		30,834	235,475	-204,641
<b>Dec 17</b>		24,372	244,712	-220,340
<b>Mar 18 (P)</b>		20,050	197,020	-176,969
<b>Monthly</b>				
<b>2016</b>	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
<b>2017</b>	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
<b>2018</b>	January	6,181	74,546	-68,365
	February	5,784	68,186	-62,402
	March (P)	8,085	54,288	-46,203
	April (P)	7,988	84,084	-76,096

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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
2017 (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	367	7,044	583	-
	Qtr 2	35,098	14,147	868	566	7,805	1,097	30	167	10,201	217
	Qtr 3	44,936	19,552	796	264	9,440	526	107	221	13,579	452
	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
	Qtr 2	31,138	17,313	1,244	658	8,335	715	144	737	1,174	818
	Qtr 3	30,834	16,606	1,378	389	8,678	174	350	756	1,894	609
	Qtr 4	24,372	12,267	1,859	425	8,175	14	408	413	453	359
2016	Qtr 1 (P)	20,050	10,660	1,737	258	5,848	17	320	555	416	239
	January	11,069	5,441	223	257	2,198	-	17	281	2,462	189
	February	8,550	2,952	164	481	1,783	0	15	27	2,942	185
	March	8,637	4,368	352	203	1,633	160	14	58	1,640	208
	April	8,837	1,805	326	214	2,888	352	1	24	3,212	15
	May	13,864	7,580	218	103	2,177	377	5	60	3,323	21
	June	12,397	4,762	324	248	2,740	369	24	83	3,666	180
	July	14,810	4,787	305	52	3,293	-	20	70	6,038	245
	August	13,398	6,508	265	54	3,044	227	77	35	3,100	89
	September	16,728	8,257	226	158	3,103	299	10	116	4,441	118
	October	13,807	5,267	621	93	2,800	120	12	9	4,867	18
	November	11,224	3,125	953	54	2,119	328	10	77	4,472	84
	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
	February	10,181	2,312	566	159	2,036	102	0	294	4,599	113
	March	8,000	3,884	343	188	2,460	-	521	93	379	132
	April	7,589	4,555	236	221	2,043	180	13	40	279	21
	May	9,191	4,065	448	162	3,470	105	62	195	208	477
	June	14,358	8,693	559	276	2,822	429	69	502	687	319
	July	8,952	4,703	345	93	2,806	6	49	220	586	146
	August	11,450	6,663	477	60	2,675	1	214	142	1,049	169
	September	10,432	5,241	555	236	3,198	167	88	394	259	295
	October	8,390	4,112	624	77	2,881	1	73	152	347	122
	November	7,482	4,059	562	196	2,320	-	201	98	24	21
	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
	February	5,784	2,817	564	106	1,818	1	58	172	236	13
	March (P)	8,085	4,987	629	80	1,609	16	212	204	172	176
	April(P)	7,988	3,770	883	133	2,266	8	51	210	364	302

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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				Apr18 / Mar18	Apr18/Apr 17			
			Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar(P)	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan			Feb	Mar (P)	Apr (P)
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	4,892	6,314	5,456	5,414	4,286	2,427	2,147	1,741	1,152	1,764	2,540	1,683	1,603	2,129	1,631	1,126	1,529	1,375	-10.1	-43.3
Australia	51,623	24,051	9,790	5,707	5,587	2,967	1,573	1,512	2,106	2,089	1,732	2,111	1,743	1,349	994	625	671	405	497	816	64.3	-46.0
American Samoa	37,059	29,876	3,404	9,070	11,065	6,337	5,261	1,477	1,675	5,919	3,450	4,416	3,199	2,766	1,401	2,170	1,540	1,935	1,785	1,540	-13.7	4.3
Fiji	4,575	4,496	1,288	1,176	1,019	1,013	767	328	308	539	356	334	329	289	274	450	341	256	170	205	20.4	-37.7
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	1,565	2,599	2,546	2,449	2,814	127	796	1,676	789	932	825	745	527	1,177	579	549	1,686	1,341	-20.5	956.4
China	2,050	1,281	469	127	276	409	75	85	42	0	144	43	89	57	133	220	61	13	-	108	#VALUE!	27.1
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	1,134	1,416	1,776	1,712	1,380	294	487	635	562	643	571	658	406	648	543	475	362	682	88.5	132.0
Japan	4,238	4,028	690	1,208	1,082	1,048	1,333	308	423	477	124	815	143	53	639	355	132	171	1,029	283	-72.5	-8.3
Singapore	1,619	978	122	271	290	295	425	43	147	81	134	115	40	156	114	24	166	233	26	91	244.9	110.9
United States of America	9,592	6,253	2,140	2,005	1,029	1,079	1,126	955	395	654	386	131	512	411	450	218	247	436	443	1,364	208.2	42.8
Other countries	4,006	3,979	376	1,245	710	1,648	1,011	33	664	548	125	144	441	223	942	484	269	184	558	183	-67.2	458.8
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>25,871</b>	<b>31,138</b>	<b>30,834</b>	<b>24,372</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>7,589</b>	<b>9,191</b>	<b>14,358</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>11,450</b>	<b>10,432</b>	<b>8,390</b>	<b>7,482</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>6,181</b>	<b>5,784</b>	<b>8,085</b>	<b>7,988</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>

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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-fac-tured	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Misce-laneous	Commo-dities &
				Goods Classified Chiefly By Material	Manu-fac-tured Goods & Articles	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	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
	April(P)	84,084	21,506	839	2,641	20,789	904	5,705	10,638	15,579	5,482	2

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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				Apr18 / Mar18	Apr18/ Apr17				
	2016	2017 (P)	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar (P)	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar(P)	Apr(P)					
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	56,304	56,404	58,715	66,543	53,638	16,192	21,436	18,776	21,030	19,579	18,107	22,909	25,270	18,363	18,115	14,768	20,755	21,993	6.0	35.8			
Australia	95,104	94,593	19,822	25,323	28,820	20,628	22,705	7,238	9,001	9,084	7,251	11,452	10,117	6,766	8,717	5,144	7,729	8,380	6,596	8,662	31.3	19.7			
Fiji	67,542	52,437	12,083	10,827	14,696	14,831	12,462	3,472	4,317	3,038	4,953	4,287	5,456	5,146	6,326	3,360	4,516	4,346	3,599	3,817	6.0	9.9			
United States of America	92,621	100,314	20,280	22,961	25,895	31,178	21,503	7,502	7,859	7,600	8,097	8,459	9,339	11,305	10,104	9,768	7,692	6,606	7,205	7,240	0.5	-3.5			
China, Peoples Republic of	107,063	78,410	21,641	10,748	26,812	19,209	16,931	55	4,863	5,830	7,451	11,351	8,010	6,137	7,824	5,248	7,383	5,152	4,395	5,027	14.4	9,023.5			
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	4,844	7,026	12,230	9,444	7,708	2,299	1,030	3,697	3,026	4,054	5,150	690	4,183	4,571	2,727	1,600	3,381	1,364	-59.6	-40.7			
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	2,633	3,072	2,071	2,631	3,087	678	1,264	1,130	608	591	873	346	1,398	886	551	1,469	1,067	1,123	5.2	65.7			
Japan	44,649	38,474	13,566	5,191	11,147	8,570	5,611	1,316	1,856	2,019	1,856	2,709	6,582	2,860	2,313	3,397	2,560	1,288	1,763	3,504	98.8	166.3			
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	2,303	1,477	2,075	1,621	1,604	560	142	775	658	551	866	452	823	346	962	393	249	896	259.3	59.9			
Philippines	2,282	1,137	310	332	246	249	105	126	203	3	1	212	33	7	96	146	46	-	59	41	-31.1	-67.8			
Singapore	130,711	149,180	37,623	36,791	32,273	42,493	32,490	11,648	12,167	12,976	11,008	9,956	11,309	13,311	15,157	14,025	13,612	17,695	1,184	20,704	1,649.4	77.7			
Thailand	24,274	21,893	4,429	2,310	6,066	9,088	5,197	994	945	371	467	2,866	2,733	4,455	2,820	1,813	2,021	1,822	1,354	3,715	174.4	273.7			
India	3,161	2,433	515	399	887	632	2,069	276	66	57	14	655	218	175	188	270	1,027	639	403	683	69.3	146.9			
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	1,605	323	668	742	662	323	-	-	108	560	-	116	535	92	111	101	449	934	107.9	189.1			
Korea Republic of	1,437	17,088	6,344	3,272	3,138	4,334	7,056	1,168	587	1,517	524	1,433	1,181	1,332	1,282	1,720	3,634	2,475	948	845	-10.8	-27.7			
Papua New Guinea	823	664	212	93	175	184	72	1	4	87	87	84	4	29	59	97	1	70	1	2	44.6	72.9			
Tonga	2,248	187	54	29	1	102	3	1	20	8	-	-	1	53	35	14	-	3	-	100	#DIV/0!	18,935.6			
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	651	389	127	205	564	13	165	210	1	125	-	1	138	66	312	115	136	326	138.8	2,312.3			
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	590	9,839	804	661	663	5,296	106	4,437	261	372	172	205	217	239	136	371	156	382	145.4	-92.8			
Other countries	19,976	38,192	4,317	13,880	8,629	11,366	2,891	7,113	6,008	758	2,891	1,060	4,678	4,150	6,456	760	1,411	893	588	2,727	364.0	-61.7			
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>210,126</b>	<b>210,684</b>	<b>235,475</b>	<b>244,712</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>66,272</b>	<b>72,040</b>	<b>72,371</b>	<b>70,292</b>	<b>80,356</b>	<b>84,827</b>	<b>80,446</b>	<b>93,942</b>	<b>70,324</b>	<b>74,546</b>	<b>68,186</b>	<b>54,288</b>	<b>84,084</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>26.9</b>			

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

"-" - nil

