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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### Merchandise Trade December 2018

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

*December 2018 compared with November 2018*

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

- ✚ The total value of merchandise exports decreased 4.7 percent to \$9.97 million in December 2018.
- ✚ Exports of 'Food and Live animals' had the largest decrease (down \$763 thousand) but remained the top commodity groups exported in December 2018, accounting for 50.1 percent of total exports value.
- ✚ Exports to China and American Samoa recorded largest decreases in values in December 2018.

#### **Imports**

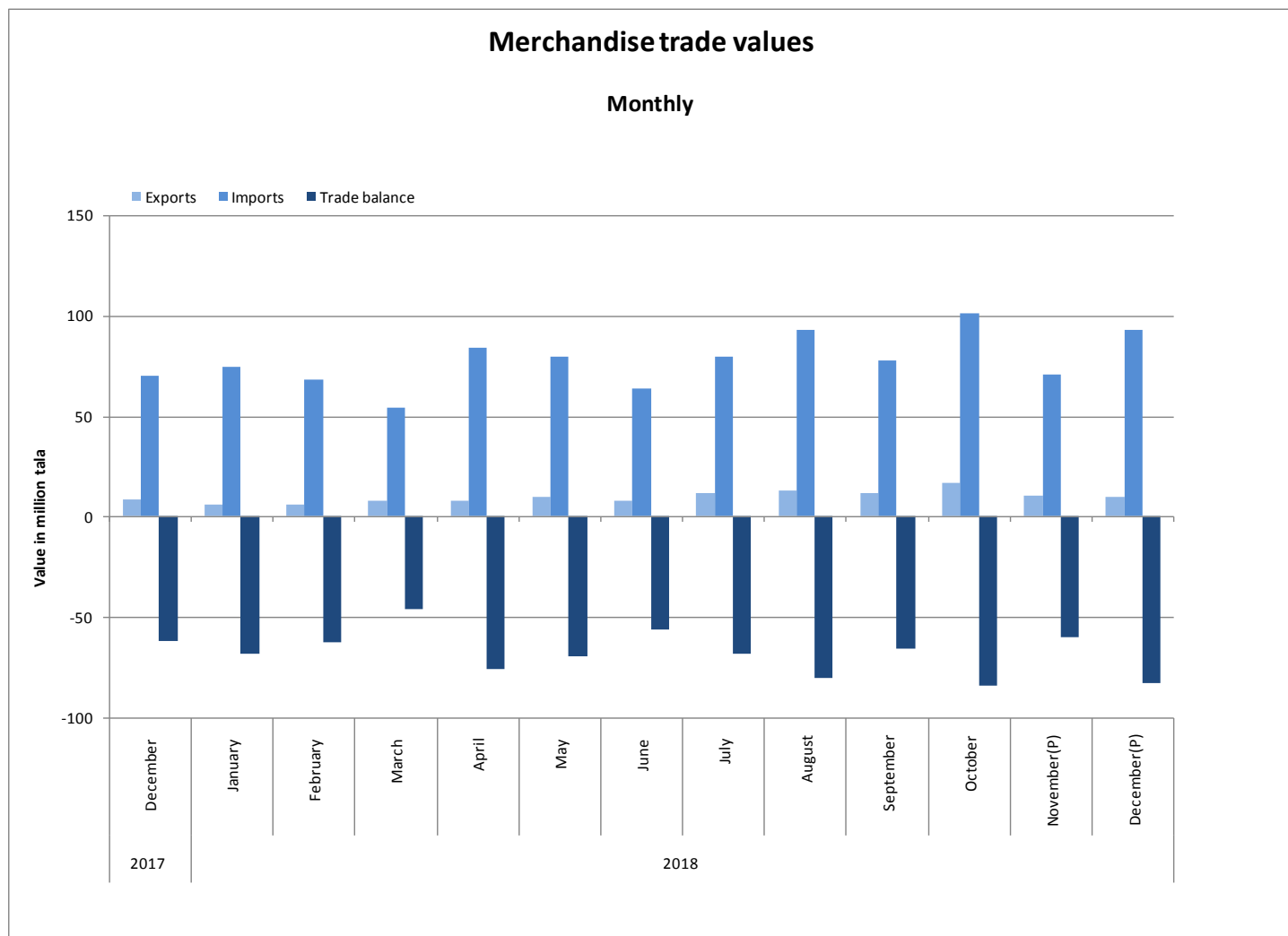
- ✚ The total value of merchandise imports increased 31.6 percent to \$93.0 million in December 2018.
- ✚ This rise was mainly driven by a large increase in the total value of 'Mineral Fuels' imports (up \$23.4 million) and became the top commodity groups imported in December 2018, accounting for 25.8 percent of total imports value.
- ✚ Imports from Singapore had the largest increase in value in December 2018 (up \$22.9 million).

#### **Trade Balance**

- ✚ The total value of imports (\$93.03 million) exceeded that of exports (\$9.97 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$83.06 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 January 2019 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

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Table 1

**Merchandise Trade Summary**  
Amount 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		117,400	895,326	-777,926
2015		136,018	855,390	-719,372
2016		143,755	899,005	-755,250
2017		112,215	900,997	-788,782
2018 (P)		119,204	939,443	-820,239
<b>Three months ended</b>				
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		26,333	218,223	-191,890
Sep 14		38,656	246,873	-208,217
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		20,050	197,020	-176,969
Jun 18		25,858	227,652	-201,794
Sep 18		36,021	250,123	-214,103
Dec 18 (P)		37,276	264,649	-227,373
<b>Monthly</b>				
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	5,784	68,186	-62,402
	March	8,085	54,288	-46,203
	April	7,988	84,084	-76,096
	May	10,060	79,576	-69,517
	June	7,810	63,992	-56,182
	July	11,542	79,733	-68,191
	August	12,833	92,981	-80,147
	September	11,645	77,409	-65,764
	October	16,842	100,917	-84,074
	November(P)	10,460	70,701	-60,241
	December(P)	9,973	93,031	-83,058

a. Exports are valued fob (free on board – the value of goods at Samoa ports before export) and include re-exports.

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	117,400	14,933	7,681	1,018	39,417	4,012	145	502	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	112,215	54,898	5,683	2,081	32,613	1,398	1,447	2,548	9,475	2,072	-
2018(P)	119,204	63,598	8,012	1,017	30,656	1,580	1,649	2,904	4,212	5,577	0
2016	Qtr 1	28,256	12,761	740	941	5,614	160	46	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	13,579	452	0
	Qtr 4	35,466	14,365	2,128	222	8,030	458	66	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
2018	Qtr 1	20,050	10,660	1,737	258	5,848	17	320	555	416	239
	Qtr 2	25,858	11,857	1,983	274	7,727	425	268	891	1,030	1,401
	Qtr 3	36,021	21,232	1,852	174	7,776	721	587	836	1,695	1,149
	Qtr 4(P)	37,276	19,849	2,439	311	9,305	416	475	623	1,070	2,787
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	8,085	4,987	629	80	1,609	16	212	204	172	176
	April	7,988	3,770	883	133	2,266	8	51	210	364	302
	May	10,060	5,392	540	79	2,130	414	71	345	393	696
	June	7,810	2,696	560	62	3,331	4	145	335	274	403
	July	11,542	6,537	733	38	2,786	274	41	270	312	551
	August	12,833	7,673	561	44	2,605	432	100	449	718	250
	September	11,645	7,021	559	92	2,385	14	446	116	664	348
	October	16,842	8,945	793	250	3,440	9	266	300	456	2,383
	November (P)	10,460	5,833	691	48	2,596	407	18	152	407	307
	December(P)	9,973	5,071	954	13	3,269	-	190	171	207	97

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SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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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	2018(P)	2018				2017	2018												Dec18 / Nov18	Dec18 / Dec17
				Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov (P)	Dec (P)		
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	4,286	4,770	5,272	6,773	2,129	1,631	1,126	1,529	1,375	1,713	1,682	1,809	1,827	1,636	2,188	2,228	2,357	5.8	10.7
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	1,573	3,391	3,255	4,631	625	671	405	497	816	797	1,778	1,011	1,014	1,230	2,845	885	901	1.9	44.1
American Samoa	37,060	29,876	31,779	5,261	4,821	13,510	8,188	2,170	1,540	1,935	1,785	1,540	2,190	1,091	5,026	4,761	3,723	3,106	2,631	2,451	-6.8	13.0
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	767	849	1,561	1,056	450	341	256	170	205	187	457	275	299	987	454	240	363	51.2	-19.4
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	2,814	3,136	3,500	6,989	1,177	579	549	1,686	1,341	1,187	608	755	1,602	1,143	5,119	821	1,049	27.8	-10.9
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	75	238	390	742	220	61	13	-	108	63	67	160	20	210	99	508	135	-73.5	-38.7
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	648	543	475	362	682	826	625	734	994	714	919	964	877	-9.0	35.4
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	1,333	1,087	978	597	355	132	171	1,029	283	667	137	418	393	167	280	120	197	65.1	-44.5
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	425	231	434	481	24	166	233	26	91	43	97	262	79	93	283	116	82	-29.0	236.4
United States of America	9,592	6,253	11,214	1,126	4,036	3,258	2,794	218	247	436	443	1,364	1,829	843	702	1,331	1,226	637	982	1,175	19.6	438.9
Other countries	4,005	3,979	5,860	1,011	1,166	1,420	2,264	484	269	184	558	183	558	424	390	513	518	912	966	386	-60.1	-20.3
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>6,181</b>	<b>5,784</b>	<b>8,085</b>	<b>7,988</b>	<b>10,060</b>	<b>7,810</b>	<b>11,542</b>	<b>12,833</b>	<b>11,645</b>	<b>16,842</b>	<b>10,460</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>17.3</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 Goods Classified Chiefly By Material	Machinery & Transport Equipment	Misc-e-laneous Manu-fac-tured Goods & Articles	Commo-dities & Trans-actions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	
				Fuels	Materials							
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	900,997	232,794	11,548	24,438	143,389	5,766	62,072	148,194	178,973	93,809	13	
2018(P)	939,443	249,568	11,226	31,810	173,370	6,144	70,209	139,555	175,742	81,783	35	
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	197,020	54,434	3,197	3,685	31,254	1,129	16,255	30,287	40,213	16,559	7
	Qtr 2	227,652	58,856	2,571	8,384	46,306	1,631	15,467	31,857	44,296	18,277	7
	Qtr 3	250,123	63,638	2,530	9,624	52,854	1,574	18,540	34,990	44,786	21,585	2
	Qtr 4 (P)	264,649	72,640	2,928	10,117	42,956	1,810	19,948	42,421	46,448	25,362	18
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	54,288	18,451	1,290	1,954	756	230	4,567	9,260	12,143	5,631	5
	April	84,084	21,506	839	2,641	20,789	904	5,705	10,638	15,579	5,482	2
	May	79,576	21,526	1,158	3,039	14,160	511	5,334	9,916	17,399	6,529	6
	June	63,992	15,824	574	2,705	11,357	216	4,428	11,303	11,318	6,266	-
	July	79,733	21,965	779	3,437	15,280	446	6,642	9,514	14,526	7,145	-
	August	92,981	23,376	1,163	3,749	19,080	730	6,822	13,717	16,653	7,689	2
	September	77,409	18,297	588	2,438	18,495	398	5,076	11,759	13,607	6,751	0
	October	100,917	26,305	782	2,767	18,456	610	8,242	16,233	18,251	9,269	3
	November (P)	70,701	24,281	819	3,790	539	701	5,628	13,262	12,761	8,906	15
	December(P)	93,031	22,055	1,327	3,560	23,962	499	6,078	12,927	15,436	7,187	-

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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		
				2018				2017	2018												Dec18 / Nov18	Dec18 / Dec17
	2016	2017	2018(P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec(P)	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov(P)	Dec(P)		
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	53,638	65,784	67,170	69,035	18,363	18,115	14,768	20,755	21,993	23,483	20,309	24,498	23,433	19,239	24,095	22,516	22,425	-0.4	22.1
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	22,705	22,506	24,200	23,629	5,144	7,729	8,380	6,596	8,662	7,172	6,672	8,101	10,012	6,087	9,611	7,399	6,619	-10.5	28.7
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	12,462	12,700	13,041	15,636	3,360	4,516	4,346	3,599	3,817	4,720	4,163	4,525	5,052	3,464	6,161	5,402	4,073	-24.6	21.2
United States of America	92,621	100,314	92,867	21,503	18,159	24,884	28,321	9,768	7,692	6,606	7,205	7,240	7,274	3,645	7,655	9,060	8,168	9,364	9,998	8,959	-10.4	-8.3
China, Peoples Republic of	107,063	81,607	84,772	16,931	15,440	22,120	30,281	5,248	7,383	5,152	4,395	5,027	3,978	6,435	6,367	9,763	5,990	11,250	9,384	9,648	2.8	83.8
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	7,708	9,225	12,327	16,629	4,571	2,727	1,600	3,381	1,364	4,551	3,309	2,509	4,592	5,226	4,346	4,298	7,985	85.8	74.7
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	3,087	2,443	2,835	3,960	886	551	1,469	1,067	1,123	942	378	884	1,543	407	1,793	974	1,193	22.5	34.7
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	5,611	12,660	10,947	10,770	3,397	2,560	1,288	1,763	3,504	6,307	2,848	2,305	4,204	4,438	5,421	2,640	2,708	2.6	-20.3
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	1,604	1,862	1,379	2,177	346	962	393	249	896	390	577	255	648	476	931	487	759	55.8	119.2
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	105	134	164	448	146	46	-	59	41	50	43	36	15	113	174	273	1	-99.6	-99.2
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	32,490	45,982	53,038	42,053	14,025	13,612	17,695	1,184	20,704	13,867	11,410	15,752	18,036	19,249	18,231	472	23,350	4,849.1	66.5
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	5,197	7,684	5,463	8,496	1,813	2,021	1,822	1,354	3,715	1,989	1,980	1,812	1,951	1,700	4,435	1,916	2,145	12.0	18.3
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	2,069	1,308	856	1,498	270	1,027	639	403	683	601	24	332	41	483	81	900	518	-42.4	91.9
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	662	1,332	1,063	1,786	92	111	101	449	934	-	399	612	178	273	1,024	705	57	-91.9	-37.7
Korea Republic of	1,437	17,088	18,106	7,056	2,974	3,133	4,943	1,720	3,634	2,475	948	845	1,326	803	741	1,420	972	2,470	1,454	1,020	-29.9	-40.7
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	72	11	120	143	97	1	70	1	2	1	8	103	7	10	94	42	8	-81.1	-91.9
Tonga	2,248	187	489	3	102	146	238	14	-	3	-	100	2	0	7	22	117	136	55	48	-13.2	232.3
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	564	670	915	283	66	312	115	136	326	214	131	272	516	127	24	83	177	112.9	166.0
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	663	809	723	1,214	239	136	371	156	382	347	80	300	280	144	691	205	318	55.3	33.2
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	2,891	5,867	5,601	3,106	760	1,411	893	588	2,727	2,364	777	2,667	2,208	727	587	1,500	1,019	-32.1	34.1
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>70,324</b>	<b>74,546</b>	<b>68,186</b>	<b>54,288</b>	<b>84,084</b>	<b>79,576</b>	<b>63,992</b>	<b>79,733</b>	<b>92,981</b>	<b>77,409</b>	<b>100,917</b>	<b>70,701</b>	<b>93,031</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>32.3</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

