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Merchandise Trade March 2017

Highlights of the month

Exports¹

- ✚ Exports were valued at \$8.0 million, decreasing 21.4 percent from February 2017.
- ✚ 'Machinery & Transport Equipment' exports recorded the largest decrease (down \$4.2 million from February 2017).
- ✚ 'Food and live animal' exports became the top commodity groups exported during March 2017, representing 48.6 percent of total exports value
- ✚ Exports to Australia recorded the largest decrease (down \$3.9 million) from February 2017.

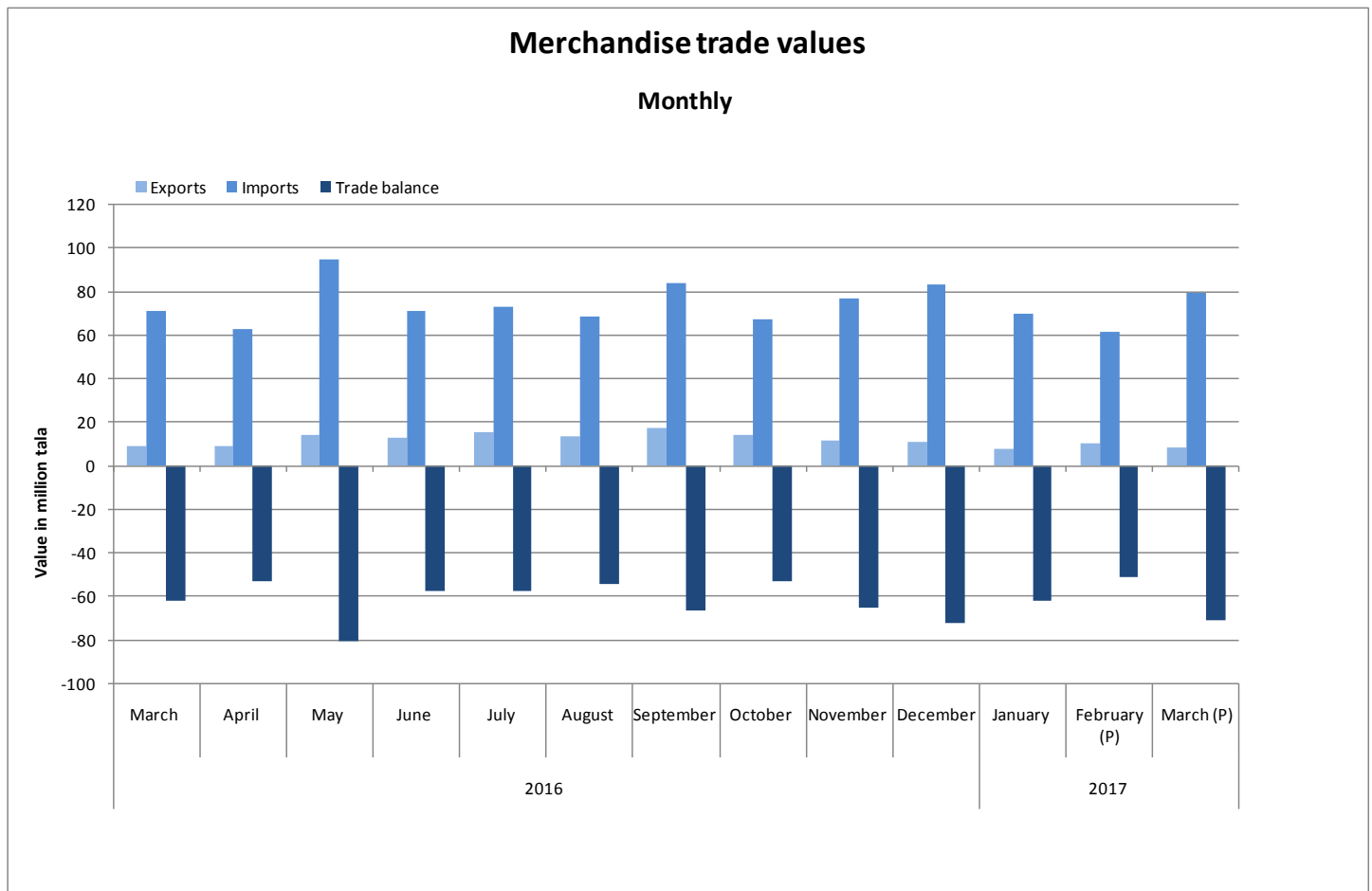
Imports

- ✚ Imports were valued at \$79.1 million, increasing 29.1 percent from February 2017.
- ✚ Mainly responsible for the increase in March 2017 were higher values of 'Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material' (up \$5.5 million), 'Machinery & Transport Equipment' (up \$4.0 million), and 'Food and live animal' (up \$3.5 million) imports.
- ✚ 'Food and live animals' imports remained the top commodity groups imported during March 2017, representing 25.7 percent of total imports value.
- ✚ Imports from the Republic of Korea recorded the largest increase (up \$3.1 million) while imports from Singapore recorded the largest decrease (down \$2.6 million) from February 2017.

Trade Balance

- ✚ The value of imports (\$79.1 million) exceeded that of exports (\$8.0 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$71.1 million.

¹ Includes re-exports 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 April 2017 Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 14th 2017.

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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	117,773	895,326	-777,553	
2015	136,018	855,390	-719,372	
2016	143,755	899,005	-755,250	
Three months ended				
Mar 13	28,360	176,841	-148,482	
Jun 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	
Jun 14	26,391	218,223	-191,833	
Sep 14	38,971	246,873	-207,902	
Dec 14	29,123	228,409	-199,286	
Mar 15	24,003	202,664	-178,660	
Jun 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 (P)	25,871	210,126	-184,255	
Monthly				
2015	January	6,858	70,658	-63,801
	February	7,532	60,788	-53,256
	March	9,614	71,217	-61,603
	April	10,530	62,472	-51,942
	May	7,157	65,575	-58,418
	June	10,706	74,510	-63,803
	July	16,417	87,728	-71,312
	August	13,677	58,382	-44,704
	September	14,745	76,708	-61,963
	October	14,507	70,753	-56,246
	November	13,140	79,546	-66,407
	December	11,135	77,051	-65,916
2016	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
2017	January	7,690	69,698	-62,008
	February (P)	10,181	61,294	-51,113
	March (P)	8,000	79,134	-71,134

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b. Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)

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(P) : Provisional figures

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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	
2013	Qtr 1	28,360	2,377	2,627	294	6,975	555	18	86	15,355	72	-
	Qtr 2	30,184	4,577	2,078	223	9,431	590	58	55	12,495	677	-
	Qtr 3	48,134	8,829	1,595	688	9,555	251	748	994	23,984	1,490	-
	Qtr 4	37,425	4,668	7,606	425	9,130	85	109	458	14,588	355	-
2014	Qtr 1	23,289	2,069	1,208	399	8,143	725	25	137	10,404	179	-
	Qtr 2	26,391	2,901	1,506	146	10,806	1,030	73	55	9,338	535	-
	Qtr 3	38,971	4,528	1,869	196	12,250	860	12	78	18,546	633	-
	Qtr 4	29,123	5,435	3,097	281	8,591	1,397	35	228	9,692	367	-
2015	Qtr 1	24,003	4,202	1,492	140	7,696	1,095	44	135	9,034	165	-
	Qtr 2	28,393	9,155	1,316	349	7,888	1,091	97	286	7,948	264	-
	Qtr 3	44,840	20,989	1,463	1,546	10,607	586	50	128	8,877	594	-
	Qtr 4	38,782	12,682	2,517	1,440	8,205	14	60	311	13,017	537	-
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	221	13,579	452	0
	Qtr 4	35,466	14,365	2,128	222	8,030	458	66	221	9,860	114	-
2017	Qtr 1 (P)	25,871	8,711	1,203	609	7,425	496	545	643	5,954	286	-
2016	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	0
	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 (P)	10,181	2,312	566	159	2,036	102	0	294	4,599	113	-
	March (P)	8,000	3,884	343	188	2,460	-	521	93	379	132	-

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Table 3: Exports (value) by major countries of Destination
 Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Destination	Annual					Quarter																						
						2015				2016				2017														
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Mar	Jun	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	2016												2017	
															Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Mar (P)	
New Zealand	19,770	19,800	22,628	20,201	17,181	4,328	4,529	5,580	5,763	3,809	4,296	4,137	4,939	4,892	1,710	1,265	2,052	979	1,203	1,657	1,277	1,800	1,609	1,531	1,652	1,026	2,214	
Australia	95,089	81,995	68,294	57,224	51,623	13,489	12,410	14,713	16,612	9,412	12,856	16,941	12,414	9,790	2,239	4,535	3,573	4,748	7,073	4,264	5,603	5,665	5,273	1,475	2,632	5,509	1,649	
American Samoa	10,678	13,051	7,348	24,943	37,059	2,335	5,325	11,165	6,118	6,418	8,027	13,291	9,324	3,404	2,082	408	4,511	3,108	3,439	3,878	5,974	3,158	1,645	4,520	955	1,312	1,136	
Fiji	1,291	3,633	3,551	3,944	4,575	1,011	698	1,439	797	1,116	1,181	1,128	1,151	1,288	319	271	487	422	270	429	429	226	294	631	293	265	730	
Tokelau	4,662	10,208	3,004	3,864	4,236	859	1,270	508	1,227	1,483	870	872	1,012	1,565	132	191	179	500	346	358	168	335	282	395	458	834	273	
China	0	319	18	1,904	2,050	302	131	880	591	990	550	345	164	469	302	6	291	254	40	266	39	38	42	85	311	117	42	
Taiwan	1,558	593	489	5,766	7,576	427	1,049	2,557	1,732	1,215	1,772	2,179	2,410	1,134	357	645	392	735	790	570	819	849	516	1,045	629	269	236	
Japan	2,150	717	325	5,214	4,238	0	1,318	1,878	2,019	537	1,413	1,303	985	690	104	213	853	348	246	591	467	581	141	263	281	132	277	
Singapore	1,127	2,871	4,097	2,209	1,619	612	313	789	494	264	391	823	141	122	62	200	70	121	360	325	139	83	40	18	38	20	64	
United States of America	5,058	4,177	4,441	7,256	9,592	490	886	3,476	2,404	1,976	2,351	3,067	2,198	2,140	855	656	1,213	482	952	897	1,218	1,017	927	254	401	519	1,220	
Other countries	35,045	6,739	3,581	3,494	4,006	150	464	1,855	1,026	1,037	1,391	848	729	376	475	448	244	700	92	163	594	54	457	219	39	177	160	
Total Exports	176,428	144,103	117,773	136,018	143,755	24,003	28,393	44,840	38,782	28,256	35,098	44,936	35,466	25,871	8,637	8,837	13,864	12,397	14,810	13,398	16,728	13,807	11,224	10,435	7,690	10,181	8,000	

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Table 4: Imports (value) by major items, SITC
Value (in '000 Tala)

Period	Total	Food & Live Animal	Beverages & Tobacco	Crude Materials, Mineral fuels, Lub- In-edible, Except			Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	Chemicals & Related Products	Manufactured Goods Classified		Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	Commodities & Transactions Not Classified
				Fuels	Materials	Chiefly By Material			Machinery & Transport Equipment	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	
2013	Qtr 1	176,841	46,635	1,418	5,361	44,357	584	11,446	26,588	13,923	-	
	Qtr 2	209,695	55,110	2,714	10,165	50,083	858	13,699	28,244	31,176	229	
	Qtr 3	240,506	58,262	3,339	7,096	47,011	503	15,050	46,088	38,962	54	
	Qtr 4	224,250	58,030	3,125	6,543	45,687	1,552	14,239	35,415	39,687	-	
2014	Qtr 1	201,821	42,674	1,729	4,425	62,925	1,350	13,203	29,219	28,224	2	
	Qtr 2	218,223	48,844	1,232	6,334	54,311	849	14,380	29,197	39,772	1,471	
	Qtr 3	246,873	56,940	3,014	7,714	50,272	1,004	16,909	36,196	48,366	10	
	Qtr 4	228,409	56,219	2,132	6,870	49,074	1,293	17,526	37,315	33,711	21	
2015	Qtr 1	202,664	46,215	1,970	4,067	20,976	2,294	18,112	39,530	42,857	-	
	Qtr 2	202,557	56,487	3,209	3,342	35,336	1,107	15,492	37,105	29,393	44	
	Qtr 3	222,818	53,482	2,269	6,286	35,876	853	17,420	35,052	45,007	3	
	Qtr 4	227,350	58,392	2,692	6,441	34,808	581	17,976	39,911	40,075	6	
2016	Qtr 1	220,835	50,951	3,285	4,580	33,120	1,556	15,466	40,926	47,508	3	
	Qtr 2	226,981	59,073	2,978	5,326	33,723	1,416	15,529	35,967	45,769	3	
	Qtr 3	224,418	63,216	2,838	5,409	22,403	1,068	19,529	33,869	49,429	7	
	Qtr 4	226,772	62,570	3,467	6,002	33,037	1,616	17,049	34,163	47,888	4	
2017	Qtr 1	210,126	54,924	2,756	6,199	35,107	928	13,679	35,651	43,989	1	
2016	January	74,690	17,167	490	2,394	10,498	710	4,967	12,929	16,294	1	
	February	75,475	17,522	1,452	667	11,559	437	5,094	16,104	16,282	2	
	March	70,670	16,262	1,343	1,519	11,064	409	5,405	11,893	14,931	1	
	April	62,167	18,252	895	1,056	1,123	490	4,883	11,641	13,668	-	
	May	94,359	23,859	1,193	2,553	16,332	453	6,428	12,915	19,788	3	
	June	70,454	16,961	890	1,716	16,269	472	4,218	11,412	12,314	-	
	July	72,763	22,637	924	1,873	901	290	7,917	10,984	19,678	7	
	August	68,101	18,567	677	1,567	11,104	192	4,885	9,641	13,947	-	
	September	83,555	22,012	1,237	1,969	10,399	586	6,727	13,244	15,804	-	
	October	67,043	18,080	1,035	1,778	11,202	335	5,090	10,239	13,420	0	
	November	76,588	21,874	1,153	2,150	9,269	762	5,451	11,662	16,556	4	
	December	83,140	22,616	1,279	2,075	12,566	519	6,508	12,262	17,913	-	
2017	January	69,698	17,715	567	2,833	10,424	346	4,276	11,382	15,432	1	
	February (P)	61,294	16,875	814	1,248	11,991	145	4,223	9,380	12,259	-	
	March (P)	79,134	20,335	1,375	2,119	12,691	437	5,180	14,889	16,298	-	

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Table 5: Imports (value) by major countries of Exports
Value (in '000 Tala)

Country of Export	Annual					Quarter									Month												
						2015				2016				2017	2016												2017
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar (P)	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Mar (P)
New Zealand	215,244	254,361	250,392	253,903	239,876	62,560	57,304	69,752	64,287	55,774	62,239	59,003	62,861	56,304	21,034	21,239	21,429	19,572	20,752	18,139	20,111	19,816	21,643	21,402	20,573	13,702	22,029
Australia	72,758	61,611	79,086	90,829	95,104	20,810	24,047	22,280	23,692	22,507	24,964	22,061	25,572	19,822	4,419	11,658	8,019	5,287	7,088	7,393	7,580	6,552	8,143	10,877	5,245	6,662	7,915
Fiji	45,390	48,843	48,140	58,180	67,542	10,859	13,685	15,398	18,238	15,543	17,694	18,271	16,034	12,083	3,838	7,448	7,044	3,202	6,619	5,166	6,486	3,682	5,499	6,853	3,200	3,435	5,448
United States of America	100,779	105,248	90,139	82,683	92,621	15,514	24,409	20,120	22,640	20,370	24,866	24,211	23,174	20,280	5,822	6,034	10,076	8,756	9,312	6,586	8,313	6,655	7,029	9,491	7,450	7,322	5,508
China, Peoples Republic of	62,549	69,325	93,819	103,716	107,063	32,046	23,900	24,138	23,632	31,739	21,724	31,850	21,750	21,641	10,177	4,629	10,311	6,784	10,903	5,583	15,364	5,676	8,944	7,130	8,065	5,824	7,752
Hong Kong	11,567	14,711	12,474	11,089	20,285	2,363	1,717	3,159	3,850	2,405	4,441	6,635	6,804	4,844	716	1,997	1,137	1,307	2,583	1,751	2,300	1,088	2,812	2,903	3,158	339	1,347
Indonesia	17,707	13,420	13,445	14,388	13,998	4,123	3,453	2,758	4,055	3,539	3,760	3,506	3,192	2,633	816	1,067	1,353	1,341	1,055	871	1,581	689	1,319	1,183	398	513	1,722
Japan	32,240	31,275	32,724	42,362	44,649	8,856	9,094	10,395	14,018	9,522	8,814	13,867	12,446	13,566	4,549	1,947	4,319	2,547	4,776	4,971	4,119	3,741	4,815	3,891	4,457	4,014	5,095
Malaysia	7,663	13,274	9,993	22,851	19,466	11,219	2,115	2,807	6,710	8,980	4,336	2,731	3,419	2,303	1,241	180	2,282	1,874	1,010	715	1,005	1,271	1,040	1,108	413	874	1,016
Philippines	1,616	2,404	848	788	2,282	293	140	166	189	102	561	592	1,027	310	-	-	561	0	42	291	258	556	106	366	3	58	249
Singapore	182,250	193,942	218,448	132,528	130,711	24,593	35,185	37,926	34,824	34,316	36,658	24,314	35,423	37,623	11,647	2,405	17,339	16,914	933	11,586	11,795	11,967	10,227	13,229	10,574	14,822	12,227
Thailand	11,701	19,974	20,249	19,355	24,274	4,929	3,025	6,005	5,396	5,502	4,628	7,575	6,569	4,429	1,879	1,701	2,541	385	2,771	2,752	2,052	2,217	3,064	1,288	2,047	1,562	820
India	1,065	3,364	2,975	1,080	3,161	400	120	209	351	866	417	977	900	515	106	145	131	141	246	179	552	445	71	384	328	46	140
Korea Democratic People's	825	1,713	2,505	1,607	3,996	689	226	519	172	959	1,102	1,732	204	1,605	427	73	711	317	492	931	309	61	98	45	704	339	562
Korea Republic of	1,919	2,289	1,845	830	1,437	268	292	64	205	523	363	119	433	6,344	171	89	160	113	82	2	34	2	72	358	1,665	806	3,873
Papua New Guinea	2,136	2,395	1,362	1,208	823	208	258	412	330	257	151	223	192	212	135	11	48	92	76	128	19	94	96	2	63	7	142
Tonga	528	954	1,143	643	2,248	169	96	149	229	206	1,876	53	112	54	99	2	1,749	125	0	53	0	64	24	24	4	10	40
Taiwan, Province of China	2,062	2,258	2,567	3,128	4,932	368	908	1,092	759	746	1,747	1,172	1,267	651	278	463	810	473	216	331	625	484	224	558	176	193	281
Viet Nam	3,018	1,774	2,222	5,890	4,560	248	559	3,036	2,047	1,194	1,183	871	1,312	590	489	121	627	434	-	338	533	611	507	194	218	101	271
Other countries	18,955	8,158	10,948	8,332	19,976	2,150	2,024	2,432	1,726	5,784	5,456	4,655	4,081	4,317	2,826	955	3,711	790	3,808	331	516	1,371	856	1,854	955	666	2,696
Total Imports	791,974	851,292	895,326	855,390	899,005	202,664	202,557	222,818	227,350	220,835	226,981	224,418	226,772	210,126	70,670	62,167	94,359	70,454	72,763	68,101	83,555	67,043	76,588	83,140	69,698	61,294	79,134

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

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