## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

## MERCHANDISE TRADE

March 2018 quarter

## Highlights of the quarter

- Exports value fell 17.7 percent from the December 2017 quarter.
- Imports value fell 19.5 percent from the December 2017 quarter.
- There was a trade deficit of $\$ 177$ million.


## Overview

## Value of Exports

In the March 2018 quarter, exports were valued at $\$ 20.1$ million, decreasing 17.7 percent from the previous quarter. Mainly responsible for the current decrease were lower values of petroleum oils and fish exports. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2017, the current value of exports decreased 22.5 percent. (See Table 1 and Graph 1).


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2018 showed a 24.7 percent decrease in the total value of exports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2017.

## Principal export commodities ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$

In the March 2018 quarter, fish exports became the top commodities exported, despite the 16.4 percent decrease in its value from the previous quarter, accounting for 29.6 percent ( $\$ 5.9$ million) of total exports value. In comparison with the same quarter of 2017, the current value of fish exports increased 53.0 percent.
Petroleum oils ${ }^{2}$ exports decreased 29.4 percent (to $\$ 5.7$ million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 28.5 percent of total exports value. When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2017, the current value of petroleum oils exports decreased 22.3 percent.
Beer exports were valued at $\$ 1.5$ million; accounting for 7.7 percent of total exports value. This value was 5.3 percent lower than the previous quarter but 69.6 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2017.
Taro exports had a total value of $\$ 1.4$ million, accounting for 6.8 percent of total exports value, decreasing 38.8 percent from the previous quarter and 33.0 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2017.
Fruit juices exports were valued at $\$ 1.1$ million, accounting for 5.3 percent of total exports value, increasing 30.5 percent from the previous quarter but 17.4 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2017.
Exports of coconut, tobacco, crisp savoury food products and coconut oil were decreased from the previous quarter, valued at $\$ 467$ thousand, $\$ 115$ thousand, $\$ 78$ thousand and $\$ 25$ thousand respectively. Exports of Ignition wiring sets had a total value $\$ 246$ thousand while other commodities were valued at $\$ 3.4$ million. (See Table 2 and Graph 2).

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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Country of Destination for Exports

In the March 2018 quarter, American Samoa remained the largest export markets despite the 17.0 percent decrease in its value, mainly driven by lower values of fish exports. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2017, the current value of exports to American Samoa increased 54.6 percent.

Exports to New Zealand decreased 20.8 percent from the previous quarter, accounting for 21.4 percent ( $\$ 4.3$ million) of total exports value. When compared with the same quarter of 2017, the current value of exports to New Zealand decreased 12.4 percent.

Exports to Tokelau were valued at $\$ 2.8$ million, accounting for 14.0 percent of total exports value, increasing 14.9 percent and 79.8 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.

Exports to Australia had a total value of $\$ 1.6$ million, accounting for 7.8 percent of total exports value, decreasing 47.0 percent and 83.9 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.

Exports to Taiwan were valued at $\$ 1.4$ million, accounting for 6.9 percent of total exports value, decreasing 19.4 percent from the previous quarter but 21.7 percent higher when compared with the same quarter of 2017. Main exports were petroleum oils.
Exports to Japan, USA and Singapore were increased from the previous quarter, accounting
for 6.6 percent, 5.6 percent and 2.1 percent of total exports value respectively.
Exports to Fiji and China were decreased from the previous quarter, accounting for 3.8 percent and 0.4 percent of total exports value respectively while other countries of destination for exports accounted for 5.0 percent of total exports value. (See Table 4 and Graph 3)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Value of Imports

In the March 2018 quarter, imports were valued at $\$ 197.0$ million. This value was 19.5 percent and 6.2 percent lower than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively. (See Table 1 and Graph 4).


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2018 showed a mere 0.05 percent decrease in the total value of imports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2017.

## Principal Imports Commodities

In the March 2018 quarter, mineral products maintained the largest share of all imports commodity groups, accounting for 16.0 percent ( $\$ 31.4$ million) of total imports value, decreasing 21.2 percent and 10.8 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively.
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof decreased 26.4 percent (to $\$ 15.7$ million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 8.0 percent of the total imports value. In comparison with the March 2017 quarter, the current value of electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof decreased 13.1 percent.
Meat and edible meat offal imports were valued at $\$ 14.2$ million ( 7.2 percent of total imports value), decreasing 24.5 percent from the previous quarter and 10.1 percent from the same quarter of 2017 respectively.
Imports of vehicles and parts and accessories thereof were valued at $\$ 13.8$ million (7.0 percent of total imports value), decreasing 18.8 percent from the previous quarter and 11.8 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2017.
Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery imports were valued at $\$ 10.6$ million ( 5.4 percent of total imports value), decreasing 21.4 percent from the previous quarter but 8.1 percent higher than the March 2017 quarter.
Imports of dairy produce and preparations of cereal, flour, starch or milk accounted for 3.5 percent each shares ( $\$ 6.8$ million). Imports of dairy produce was 5.4 percent higher than the previous quarter but 12.3 percent lower than the same quarter of 2017 while imports of preparations of cereal, flour, starch or milk was 10.8 percent lower than the previous quarter but 5.7 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2017.
Plastic and articles thereof imports, iron and steel articles and wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal were decreased from the previous quarter, valued at $\$ 6.1$ million, $\$ 5.1$ million and $\$ 4.7$ million respectively while other commodities had a combined total of $\$ 81.8$ million. (See Table 4 and Graph 5).


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Imports by Broad Economic Categories

For the three main broad economic categories in the March 2018 quarter, capital goods were valued at $\$ 26.3$ million (13.4 percent of total imports value), decreasing 13.5 percent from the previous quarter.
Intermediate goods were valued at $\$ 76.5$ million (38.8 percent of total imports value), decreasing 23.7 percent from the previous quarter.

Consumption goods were valued at $\$ 74.1$ million (37.6 percent of total value), decreasing 15.7 percent from the previous quarter. (See Table 5 and Graph 7).


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Major Source Markets of Imports

New Zealand continued to be the leading source markets of imports in the March 2018 quarter, accounting for 27.2 percent of total imports value, decreasing 19.4 percent from the previous quarter and 4.7 percent from the same quarter of 2017.

Imports from Singapore accounted for 16.5 percent of total imports value, decreasing 23.5 percent from the previous quarter and 13.6 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2017. Imports from Australia accounted for 11.5 percent of total imports value, increasing 10.1 percent and 14.5 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2017 respectively.
Imports from USA accounted for 10.9 percent of total imports value, decreasing 31.0 percent from the previous quarter but 6.0 percent higher than the same quarter of 2017.
Imports from China accounted for 8.6 percent of total imports value, decreasing 11.9 percent and 21.8 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2017 respectively.
Imports from Fiji accounted for 6.3 percent of total imports value, decreasing 16.0 percent from the previous quarter but 3.1 percent higher than the same quarter of 2017. All other countries of imports accounted for less than 5.0 percent each shares of total imports had a combined total of 18.9 percent. (See Table 6 and Graph 6).


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Merchandise Trade Balance

In the March 2018 quarter, the value of imports ( $\$ 197.0$ million) exceeded that of exports ( $\$ 20.0$ million), resulting in a trade deficit of $\$ 177$ million). (See Table 1 and Graph 8).


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The June 2018 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on September 21 ${ }^{\text {st }} 2018$.


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## Technical Notes

The main source of imports and exports data comes from the administrative document, a completed customs form (Single Administrative data) 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)

## Definitions

March 2018 quarter: (January, February, March 2018)

Capital goods: are produced assets that are used repeatedly or continuously, for longer than one year, in industrial production processes. Examples are machinery, trucks, and aircraft.
cif: is the cost of goods, including insurance and freight to Samoa.

Consumption goods: are goods used (without further transformation in industrial production processes) by households, government, or non-profit institutions serving households.

Exports (domestic): are goods of domestic origin exported from Samoa to another country. Exports in this release are valued fob and are shown in Samoan tala.
fob: is free on board (the value of goods at Samoa ports before export).

Imports: are goods imported into Samoa. Imports in this release are valued at cif and are shown in Samoan tala.

Intermediate goods: are goods used up, or transformed in, industrial production processes.

Merchandise trade: covers exports or imports of goods that alter the nation's stock of material resources.

Provisional: statistics for the latest three months are provisional, to allow late data and amendments to be included.

Re-exports: are exports of foreign goods which were previously recorded as Samoa's imports.

Trade balance: is calculated by deducting imports (cif) from exports (fob). These two valuations are not entirely comparable, because the cif valuation includes insurance and freight to Samoa, while the fob valuation excludes insurance and freight from Samoa.

Trade deficit: occurs when the value of imports is more than the value of exports.

Trade surplus: occurs when the value of exports is more than the value of imports.

## Table 1

Merchandise Trade Summary
Amount in thousand tala

| Period |  | EXPORTS (fob) <br> (a) | Imports (cif) <br> (b) | Trade Balance (a-b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} 2013 \\ 2014 \\ 2015 \\ 2016 \\ 2017(\mathrm{P}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | 144,103 | 851,292 | -707,189 |
|  |  | 117,773 | 895,326 | -777,553 |
|  |  | 136,018 | 855,390 | -719,372 |
|  |  | 143,755 | 899,005 | -755,250 |
|  |  | 112,215 | 900,997 | -788,782 |
| Three months ended |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  | 25,871 | 210,126 | -184,255 |
| June 17 |  | 31,138 | 210,684 | -179,546 |
| Sep 17 |  | 30,834 | 235,475 | -204,641 |
|  | c 17 | 24,372 | 244,712 | -220,340 |
| Mar 18 (P) |  | 20,050 | 197,020 | -176,969 |
| Monthly |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 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 (P) | 6,181 | 74,546 | -68,365 |
|  | February (P) | 5,784 | 68,186 | -62,402 |
|  | March(P) | 8,085 | 54,288 | -46,203 |

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)

All values are in Samoan tala.
(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics
Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establisment survey
Notes: HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.) Re-exports of fuel for Airlines and shipping vessels has only become available from January 2010

Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

Exports of main commodities ${ }^{(1)}$
Amount in thousand tala (SAT, 000)

| Commodity | Annually |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2016 |  |  |  | 2017 |  |  |  | 2018 |  |  |  |
|  | 2016 | 2017(P) | March | June | Sept | Dec | Mar | June | Sep | Dec | $\operatorname{Mar}(\mathrm{P})$ | $\%$ of <br> Total | Mar18 / Dec17 | Mar18 / <br> Mar17 |
| Fish | 43,524 | 33,259 | 8,657 | 10,153 | 15,029 | 9,685 | 3,886 | 10,680 | 11,587 | 7,107 | 5,944 | 29.6 | -16.4 | 53.0 |
| Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft. | 38,532 | 8,078 | 6,871 | 8,899 | 13,228 | 9,534 | 5,882 | 838 | 1,358 | - | 246 | 1.2 | \#VALUE! | -95.8 |
| Petroleum oils | 30,770 | 32,317 | 5,612 | 7,781 | 9,423 | 7,955 | 7,364 | 8,289 | 8,563 | 8,101 | 5,721 | 28.5 | -29.4 | -22.3 |
| Fruit Juices | 8,160 | 4,267 | 1,770 | 2,574 | 2,145 | 1,672 | 1,283 | 1,494 | 678 | 812 | 1,060 | 5.3 | 30.5 | -17.4 |
| Taro | 6,315 | 10,576 | 1,473 | 971 | 1,511 | 2,360 | 2,035 | 3,532 | 2,779 | 2,230 | 1,364 | 6.8 | -38.8 | -33.0 |
| Beer | 3,694 | 4,873 | 451 | 692 | 629 | 1,922 | 913 | 1,081 | 1,245 | 1,635 | 1,548 | 7.7 | -5.3 | 69.6 |
| Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 592 | 462 | 199 | 117 | 121 | 155 | 135 | 99 | 99 | 129 | 115 | 0.6 | -10.8 | -14.9 |
| Coconutoil | 2,239 | 2,099 | 157 | 1,097 | 526 | 458 | 991 | 711 | 240 | 157 | 25 | 0.1 | -84.0 | -97.5 |
| Crisp savoury food products | 80 | 341 | 22 | 16 | 4 | 38 | 150 | 43 | 54 | 95 | 78 | 0.4 | -17.4 | -47.8 |
| Coconut | 709 | 1,746 | 125 | 184 | 188 | 212 | 421 | 658 | 179 | 488 | 467 | 2.3 | -4.4 | 10.9 |
| Other commodities | 9,140 | 14,196 | 2,918 | 2,614 | 2,133 | 1,474 | 2,811 | 3,713 | 4,052 | 3,620 | 3,483 | 17.4 | -3.8 | 23.9 |
| Total Exports | 143,755 | 112,215 | 28,256 | 35,098 | 44,936 | 35,466 | 25,871 | 31,138 | 30,834 | 24,372 | 20,050 | 100.0 | -17.7 | -22.5 |

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2. Includes re-exports of fuel for airlines and shipping vessels

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Table 3.

| Country of Destination | Annually |  | Quaterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2016 |  | 2017 |  |  |  | 2018 |  |  |  |
|  | 2016 | 2017(P) | Sept | Dec | Mar | June | Sept | Dec | Mar(P) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% of } \\ \text { Total } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar18 / } \\ \text { Dec17 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Mar18 } \\ \text { /Mar17 } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Australia | 51,623 | 24,051 | 16,941 | 12,414 | 9,790 | 5,707 | 5,587 | 2,967 | 1,573 | 7.8 | -47.0 | -83.9 |
| American Samoa | 37,059 | 29,876 | 13,291 | 9,324 | 3,404 | 9,070 | 11,065 | 6,337 | 5,261 | 26.2 | -17.0 | 54.6 |
| New Zealand | 17,181 | 22,076 | 4,137 | 4,939 | 4,892 | 6,314 | 5,456 | 5,414 | 4,286 | 21.4 | -20.8 | -12.4 |
| USA | 9,592 | 6,253 | 3,067 | 2,198 | 2,140 | 2,005 | 1,029 | 1,079 | 1,126 | 5.6 | 4.3 | -47.4 |
| Tokelau | 4,236 | 9,159 | 872 | 1,012 | 1,565 | 2,599 | 2,546 | 2,449 | 2,814 | 14.0 | 14.9 | 79.8 |
| Taiwan | 7,576 | 6,038 | 2,179 | 2,410 | 1,134 | 1,416 | 1,776 | 1,712 | 1,380 | 6.9 | -19.4 | 21.7 |
| Fiji | 4,575 | 4,496 | 1,128 | 1,151 | 1,288 | 1,176 | 1,019 | 1,013 | 767 | 3.8 | -24.3 | -40.5 |
| China | 2,050 | 1,281 | 345 | 164 | 469 | 127 | 276 | 409 | 75 | 0.4 | -81.7 | -84.0 |
| Japan | 4,238 | 4,028 | 1,303 | 985 | 690 | 1,208 | 1,082 | 1,048 | 1,333 | 6.6 | 27.2 | 93.2 |
| Singapore | 1,619 | 978 | 823 | 141 | 122 | 271 | 290 | 295 | 425 | 2.1 | 44.2 | 247.2 |
| Other countries | 4,006 | 3,979 | 848 | 729 | 376 | 1,245 | 710 | 1,648 | 1,011 | 5.0 | -38.7 | 168.6 |
| Total Exports | 143,755 | 112,215 | 44,936 | 35,466 | 25,871 | 31,138 | 30,834 | 24,372 | 20,050 | 100.0 | -17.7 | -31.3 |

Exports are valued fob (free on board - the value of goods at Samoa ports before export) and include re-exports.
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Includes re-exports of fuel for airlines and shipping vessels
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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics
Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establisment survey

Table 4
PRINCIPALIMPORTS
Amount in thousand tala

| Commodities | Annually |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2016 |  | 2017 |  |  |  | 2018 |  |  |  |
|  | 2016 | 2017 (P) | Sep | Dec | March | June | Sep | Dec | Mar(P) | \% of Total | Mar18/ Dec17 | Mar 18 / Mar 17 |
| Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation | 123,914 | 144,208 | 22,500 | 33,217 | 35,218 | 36,167 | 32,959 | 39,863 | 31,425 | 16.0 | -21.2 | -10.8 |
| Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof | 68,754 | 65,998 | 12,673 | 14,520 | 18,079 | 8,170 | 18,382 | 21,368 | 15,718 | 8.0 | -26.4 | -13.1 |
| Meat and edible meat offal | 63,065 | 68,225 | 17,083 | 16,524 | 15,737 | 14,605 | 19,130 | 18,752 | 14,150 | 7.2 | -24.5 | -10.1 |
| Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery | 51,077 | 49,175 | 16,469 | 11,991 | 9,765 | 12,140 | 13,846 | 13,424 | 10,553 | 5.4 | -21.4 | 8.1 |
| Vehicles; and parts and accessories thereof | 63,897 | 58,733 | 20,181 | 17,167 | 15,680 | 9,912 | 16,103 | 17,037 | 13,829 | 7.0 | -18.8 | -11.8 |
| Plastics and articles thereof | 43,071 | 28,833 | 13,727 | 8,250 | 5,838 | 6,396 | 9,303 | 7,296 | 6,103 | 3.1 | -16.4 | 4.6 |
| Iron or steel articles | 35,226 | 38,253 | 7,408 | 5,810 | 9,896 | 13,647 | 8,691 | 6,018 | 5,060 | 2.6 | -15.9 | -48.9 |
| Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 30,298 | 30,278 | 7,961 | 7,813 | 8,140 | 7,891 | 5,996 | 8,251 | 4,738 | 2.4 | -42.6 | -41.8 |
| Dairy produce | 25,150 | 27,564 | 6,738 | 6,122 | 7,792 | 5,419 | 7,866 | 6,487 | 6,836 | 3.5 | 5.4 | -12.3 |
| Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; | 27,436 | 26,319 | 7,322 | 7,272 | 6,464 | 5,652 | 6,544 | 7,659 | 6,830 | 3.5 | -10.8 | 5.7 |
| Other commodities | 367,117 | 363,411 | 92,357 | 98,087 | 77,515 | 90,684 | 96,655 | 98,557 | 81,779 | 41.5 | -17.0 | 5.5 |
| Total Imports | 899,005 | 900,997 | 224,418 | 226,772 | 210,126 | 210,684 | 235,475 | 244,712 | 197,020 | 100 | -19.5 | -6.2 |

Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)
(P) : Provisional figures

Notes: HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.)
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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics
Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establishment survey


1 Capital Goods: sum of categories $41^{*}$ and $521^{*}$
2 Intermediate Goods: sum of categories $111^{*}, 121^{*}, 21^{*}, 22^{*}, 31^{*}, 322^{*}, 42^{*}$ and $53^{*}$
3 Consumption Goods: sum of categories $112^{*}, 122^{*}, 522^{*}, 61^{*}, 62^{*}$ and $63^{*}$
Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)
HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.)
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- = Magnitude is Zero
$0=$ Negligible
Source Samoa Bureau of Statistics
Data source Customs and PPS establisment survey

| Country of Export | Annualy |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2016 |  | 2017 |  |  |  | 2018 |  |  |  |
|  | 2016 | 2017(P) | Sep | Dec | Mar | June | Sep | $\operatorname{Dec}(\mathrm{P})$ | Mar(P) | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { of } \\ \text { Total } \end{gathered}$ | Mar18/ <br> Dec17 | Mar18 / <br> Mar17 |
| New Zealand | 239,876 | 237,966 | 59,003 | 62,861 | 56,304 | 56,404 | 58,715 | 66,543 | 53,638 | 27.2 | -19.4 | -4.7 |
| Singapore | 130,711 | 149,180 | 24,314 | 35,423 | 37,623 | 36,791 | 32,273 | 42,493 | 32,490 | 16.5 | -23.5 | -13.6 |
| China | 107,063 | 78,410 | 31,850 | 21,750 | 21,641 | 10,748 | 26,812 | 19,209 | 16,931 | 8.6 | -11.9 | -21.8 |
| Australia | 95,104 | 94,593 | 22,061 | 25,572 | 19,822 | 25,323 | 28,820 | 20,628 | 22,705 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 14.5 |
| United States of America | 92,621 | 100,314 | 24,211 | 23,174 | 20,280 | 22,961 | 25,895 | 31,178 | 21,503 | 10.9 | -31.0 | 6.0 |
| Fiji | 67,542 | 52,437 | 18,271 | 16,034 | 12,083 | 10,827 | 14,696 | 14,831 | 12,462 | 6.3 | -16.0 | 3.1 |
| Japan | 44,649 | 38,474 | 13,867 | 12,446 | 13,566 | 5,191 | 11,147 | 8,570 | 5,611 | 2.8 | -34.5 | -58.6 |
| Malaysia | 19,466 | 7,476 | 2,731 | 3,419 | 2,303 | 1,477 | 2,075 | 1,621 | 1,604 | 0.8 | -1.1 | -30.4 |
| Thailand | 24,274 | 21,893 | 7,575 | 6,569 | 4,429 | 2,310 | 6,066 | 9,088 | 5,197 | 2.6 | -42.8 | 17.3 |
| Indonesia | 13,998 | 10,407 | 3,506 | 3,192 | 2,633 | 3,072 | 2,071 | 2,631 | 3,087 | 1.6 | 17.4 | 17.2 |
| Hong Kong | 20,285 | 33,544 | 6,635 | 6,804 | 4,844 | 7,026 | 12,230 | 9,444 | 7,708 | 3.9 | -18.4 | 59.1 |
| Viet Nam | 4,560 | 11,894 | 871 | 1,312 | 590 | 9,839 | 804 | 661 | 663 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 12.4 |
| Korea Democratic | 3,996 | 3,338 | 1,732 | 204 | 1,605 | 323 | 668 | 742 | 662 | 0.3 | -10.8 | -58.8 |
| India | 3,161 | 2,433 | 977 | 900 | 515 | 399 | 887 | 632 | 2,069 | 1.1 | 227.2 | 302.2 |
| Taiwan | 4,932 | 1,371 | 1,172 | 1,267 | 651 | 389 | 127 | 205 | 564 | 0.3 | 174.9 | -13.4 |
| Korea Republic | 1,437 | 17,088 | 119 | 433 | 6,344 | 3,272 | 3,138 | 4,334 | 7,056 | 3.6 | 62.8 | 11.2 |
| Papua New Guinea | 823 | 664 | 223 | 192 | 212 | 93 | 175 | 184 | 72 | 0.0 | -60.9 | -66.0 |
| Tonga | 2,248 | 187 | 53 | 112 | 54 | 29 | 1 | 102 | 3 | 0.0 | -97.5 | -95.3 |
| Philippines | 2,282 | 1,137 | 592 | 1,027 | 310 | 332 | 246 | 249 | 105 | 0.1 | -58.0 | -66.2 |
| Other countries | 19,976 | 38,192 | 4,655 | 4,081 | 4,317 | 13,880 | 8,629 | 11,366 | 2,891 | 1.5 | -74.6 | -33.0 |
| Total Imports | 899,005 | 900,997 | 224,418 | 226,772 | 210,126 | 210,684 | 235,475 | 244,712 | 197,020 | 100.0 | -19.5 | -6.2 |

Imports are valued cif (cost, including insurance and freight to Samoa)
All values are in Samoan tala.
Notes: HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2012 applies to June 2012 and later data. HS2007 is used for earlier data.)
Totals may be slightly different due to roundings

- = Magnitude is Zero
$0=$ Negligible
Totals may be slightly different due to roundings
(P) : Provisional figures

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics
Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establisment survey


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes re-export commodities
    ${ }^{2}$ Fuel re-exports for shipping vessels and airlines

