## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

## MERCHANDISE TRADE <br> September 2017 quarter

## Highlights of the quarter

- Exports value decreased 1.0 percent to $\$ 30.8$ million from the June 2017 quarter.
- Imports value rose 11.8 percent to $\$ 235.5$ million from the June 2017 quarter.
- Trade deficit valued at $\$ 204.6$ million.


## Overview

## Value of Exports

In the September 2017 quarter, exports were valued at $\$ 30.8$ million. This value was 1.0 percent lower than the previous quarter. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower values of vegetable products reflecting lower values of taro and coconut exports. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of exports decreased 31.4 percent. (See Table 1,2,3 and Graph 1)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics
The four quarters ending September 2017 showed a 16.2 percent fall in the total value of exports when
compared with the four quarters ending September 2016.

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

Fish exports maintained the top commodities exported in the quarter under review, representing 37.6 percent ( $\$ 11.6$ million) of total exports value. This value was 8.5 percent higher than the previous quarter but 22.9 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.
Petroleum oils ${ }^{2}$ exports followed with a total value of $\$ 8.6$ million, contributing 27.8 percent share of total exports value. This value was 3.3 percent higher than the previous quarter but 9.1 percent lower than the same quarter of 2016.
Taro exports came third with its value decreasing to $\$ 2.8$ million from $\$ 3.5$ million in the previous quarter, accounting for 9.0 percent of total exports value. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower value of taro exports to New Zealand. In comparison with the same quarter of 2016 quarter, the current value of taro was 84.0 percent higher.
Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles exports had a total value of $\$ 1.3$ million, accounting for 4.4 percent of total exports value, increasing 62.0 percent from the previous quarter but 89.7 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.
Beer exports recorded a total value of $\$ 1.2$ million, accounting for 4.0 percent of total exports value. This value was 15.2 percent and 98.0 percent higher than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively. The current increase

[^0]was mainly driven by higher values of exports to American Samoa.
Fruit juices exports had a total value of $\$ 678$ thousand, representing 2.2 percent of total exports value. This value was 54.6 percent and 68.4 percent lower than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.
Coconut oil exports valued at $\$ 240$ thousand, representing 0.8 percent of total exports value, decreasing 66.2 percent from the previous quarter and 54.4 percent from the same quarter last year.
Coconut exports had a total value of $\$ 179$ thousand, accounting for 0.6 percent of total exports value, decreasing 72.8 percent and 4.8 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.
Exports of tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes products increased 0.6 percent (to $\$ 99$ thousand) from the previous, contributing 0.3 percent of total exports value while exports of the crisp savoury food products increased 26.7 percent (to $\$ 54$ thousand) from the previous quarter, accounting for 0.2 percent of total exports value. Exports of other commodities valued at $\$ 4.1$ million, representing 13.1 percent of total exports value. (See Table 2, 3 and Graph 2)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Country of Destination for Exports

In the September 2017 quarter, American Samoa remained the largest export markets with its value increasing to $\$ 11.1$ million from $\$ 9.1$ million in the previous quarter, representing 35.9 percent of the total exports value. Mainly responsible for the current increase was higher values of fish exports.

In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2016, the current value of exports to American Samoa decreased 16.7 percent.
Exports to Australia had a total value of $\$ 5.6$ million, accounting for 18.1 percent of total exports value, decreasing 2.1 percent from the previous quarter and 67.0 percent from the same quarter last year.
Exports to New Zealand had a total value of \$5.5 million, accounting for 17.7 percent of total exports value, decreasing 13.6 percent from the previous quarter but 31.9 percent higher when compared with the same quarter last year.
Exports to Tokelau decreased 2.1 percent (to $\$ 2.5$ million) from the previous quarter; accounting for 8.3 percent of total exports value. In comparison with same quarter of 2016, the current value of exports to Tokelau was three times higher.
Exports to Taiwan were valued at $\$ 1.8$ million, contributing 5.8 percent of total exports value, increasing 25.4 percent from the previous quarter but 18.5 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016.
Exports to Japan had a total value of $\$ 1.1$ million, accounting for 3.5 percent of total export value, decreasing 10.4 percent and 17.0 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.
Exports to USA and Fiji decreased from the previous quarter, accounting for 3.3 percent each of total exports value. Exports to USA recorded 48.7 percent and 66.5 percent lower than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively while exports to Fiji decreased 13.3 percent and 9.7 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2016 respectively.
Exports to Singapore and China increased, accounting for 0.9 percent each of total exports value while other countries of destination for exports represented 2.3 percent of total exports value. (See Table 4 and Graph 3)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Value of Imports

In the September 2017 quarter, imports were valued at $\$ 235.5$ million. This value was 11.8 percent and 4.9 percent higher from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively. (See Table 1 and Graph 4)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending September 2017 showed a decrease of 1.8 percent in the total value of imports when compared with the four quarters ending September 2016.

## Composition of Imports

In the September 2017 quarter, mineral products maintained the largest share of all commodity groups imported, valued at $\$ 36.5$ million (15.5 percent of total imports value). This value was 8.4 percent lower than the previous quarter but 41.2 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Machinery \& mechanical \& electrical appliances \& parts thereof increased 58.7 percent (to $\$ 32.2$ million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 13.7 percent of total imports value. In comparison with the September 2016 quarter, the current value of machinery \& mechanical \& electrical appliances \& parts thereof increased 10.6 percent.
Live animals, animal products imports were valued at $\$ 28.4$ million, representing 12.1 percent of total imports value, increasing 33.6 percent and 10.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.
Imports of prepared foodstuff, beverages, spirit \& tobacco were valued at $\$ 26.8$ million, contributing 11.4 percent of total imports value, increasing 15.0 percent and 0.5 percent from the previous quarter and corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.
Imports of vehicles, aircraft $\&$ associated transport equipment had a total value of $\$ 18.0$ million, accounting for 7.7 percent of total imports value, increasing 63.4 percent from the previous quarter but 12.1 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2016 .
Imports of base metals \& articles thereof had a total value of $\$ 17.9$ million, contributing 7.6 percent of total imports value, decreasing 25.8 percent from the previous quarter but 21.0 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2016.
Chemicals and allied products decreased 5.5 percent (to $\$ 13.3$ million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.6 percent of total imports value while all the remaining HS Sections accounted for less than 5.0 percent each with a combined total value of $\$ 62.5$ million, representing 26.5 percent of total imports value. (See Table 5 and Graph 5)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Imports by Broad Economic Categories

For the three main broad economic categories in the September 2017 quarter, capital goods were valued at $\$ 28.9$ million, accounting for 12.3 percent of total imports value, increasing 38.9 percent from the previous quarter.
Intermediate goods were valued at $\$ 101.0$ million, accounting for 42.9 percent of total imports value, increasing 2.0 percent from the previous quarter.
Consumption goods were valued at $\$ 82.5$ million, accounting for 35.0 percent of total imports value, increasing 17.6 percent from the previous quarter. (See Table 6 and Graph 6)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Maior Source Markets of Imports

New Zealand continued to be the leading source markets of imports in the September 2017 quarter, contributing 24.9 percent of total imports value, increasing 4.1 percent from the previous quarter but 0.5 percent lower than the same quarter last year.

Imports from Singapore accounted for 13.7 percent of total imports value, decreasing 12.3 percent from the previous quarter but 32.7 percent higher than corresponding quarter of 2016.
Imports from Australia accounted for 12.2 percent of total imports value, increasing 13.8 percent and 30.6 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.
Imports from China accounted for 11.4 percent of total imports value, increasing more than two times from the previous quarter but 15.8 percent lower than the same quarter last year.
Imports from USA accounted for 11.0 percent of total imports value, increasing 12.8 percent and 7.0 percent from the previous quarter and the same corresponding quarter of 2016 respectively.
Imports from Fiji accounted for 6.2 percent of total imports value, increasing 35.7 percent from the previous quarter but 19.6 percent lower than the same quarter last year respectively.
Imports from Hong Kong accounted for 5.2 percent of total imports value, increasing 74.1 percent and 84.3 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.
All other countries of imports accounted for less than 5.0 percent each of total imports value had a combined total of 15.3 percent. (See Table 7 and Graph 7)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Merchandise Trade Balance

In the September quarter, the value of imports ( $\$ 235.5$ million) exceeded that of exports ( $\$ 30.8$ million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$204.6 million). (See Table 1 and Graph 8)


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The December 2017 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on March 27 th 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

September 2017 quarter: (July, August, September 2017)

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.

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

## Table 2.

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

| Commodity | Annually |  |  |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2016 |  |  |  | 2017 |  |  |  |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 (P) | March | June | Sept | Dec | Mar | June | Sep (P) | $\begin{array}{r} \% \text { of } \\ \text { Total } \end{array}$ |
| Fish | 10,740 | 5,762 | 30,935 | 43,524 | 8,657 | 10,153 | 15,029 | 9,685 | 3,886 | 10,680 | 11,587 | 37.6 |
| Ignition wiring sets, other wiring sets for vehicles, aircra | 64,527 | 44,631 | 37,487 | 38,532 | 6,871 | 8,899 | 13,228 | 9,534 | 5,882 | 838 | 1,358 | 4.4 |
| Petroleum oils | 34,524 | 39,776 | 34,379 | 30,770 | 5,612 | 7,781 | 9,423 | 7,955 | 7,364 | 8,289 | 8,563 | 27.8 |
| Fruit Juices | 3,494 | 3,386 | 6,978 | 8,160 | 1,770 | 2,574 | 2,145 | 1,672 | 1,283 | 1,494 | 678 | 2.2 |
| Taro | 1,427 | 2,475 | 5,335 | 6,315 | 1,473 | 971 | 1,511 | 2,360 | 2,035 | 3,532 | 2,779 | 9.0 |
| Beer | 11,394 | 5,820 | 5,914 | 3,694 | 451 | 692 | 629 | 1,922 | 913 | 1,081 | 1,245 | 4.0 |
| Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 1,552 | 846 | 563 | 592 | 199 | 117 | 121 | 155 | 135 | 99 | 99 | 0.3 |
| Coconut oil | 1,414 | 3,457 | 2,654 | 2,239 | 157 | 1,097 | 526 | 458 | 991 | 711 | 240 | 0.8 |
| Crisp savoury food products | 231 | 108 | 144 | 80 | 22 | 16 | 4 | 38 | 150 | 43 | 54 | 0.2 |
| Coconut | 1,762 | 1,046 | 251 | 709 | 125 | 184 | 188 | 212 | 421 | 658 | 179 | 0.6 |
| Other commodities | 13,040 | 10,467 | 11,377 | 9,140 | 2,918 | 2,614 | 2,133 | 1,474 | 2,811 | 3,713 | 4,052 | 13.1 |
| Total | 144,103 | 117,773 | 136,018 | 143,755 | 28,256 | 35,098 | 44,936 | 35,466 | 25,871 | 31,138 | 30,834 | 100.0 |

1. Exports are valued fob (free on board - the value of goods at Samoa ports before export) and include re-exports.
2. 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 3.
Exports of main commodities By HS Sections
Amount in thousand tala ( 000 )

| Section | Section description | Annually |  |  |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 2016 |  |  |  | 2017 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 (P) | March | June | Sept | Dec | Mar | June | Sep(P) | \% of <br> Total |
| I | Animals and animal products | 11,442 | 5,842 | 31,183 | 43,578 | 8,697 | 10,153 | 15,042 | 9,686 | 3,896 | 11,040 | 11,796 | 38.3 |
| II | Vegetable products | 3,836 | 4,357 | 8,761 | 8,313 | 2,504 | 1,366 | 1,790 | 2,653 | 2,711 | 4,530 | 3,084 | 10.0 |
| III | Animal or vegetable fats | 1,486 | 4,017 | 2,794 | 2,254 | 163 | 1,101 | 531 | 459 | 993 | 716 | 322 | 1.0 |
| IV | Prepared foodstuff, beverages and tobacco | 19,083 | 12,410 | 16,294 | 14,590 | 3,079 | 3,683 | 3,627 | 4,200 | 3,394 | 3,122 | 3,131 | 10.2 |
| v | Mineral products | 35,466 | 39,807 | 34,396 | 31,152 | 5,799 | 7,865 | 9,440 | 8,048 | 7,433 | 8,488 | 8,800 | 28.5 |
| VI | Chemical products | 906 | 130 | 233 | 156 | 42 | 17 | 78 | 19 | 118 | 147 | 190 | 0.6 |
| VII | Plastics and rubber | 454 | 153 | 485 | 279 | 222 | 12 | 29 | 16 | 34 | 758 | 355 | 1.2 |
| VIII | Hides and skins | 5 | 0 | 32 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.0 |
| IX | Wood and wood products | 112 | 179 | 271 | 268 | 37 | 125 | 38 | 68 | 43 | 51 | 69 | 0.2 |
| X | Wood pulp products | 368 | 49 | 231 | 140 | 60 | 16 | 52 | 13 | 28 | 50 | 32 | 0.1 |
| XI | Textiles and textile articles | 664 | 219 | 122 | 181 | 43 | 24 | 69 | 45 | 17 | 63 | 90 | 0.3 |
| XII | Footwear, headgear, etc | 491 | 430 | 260 | 271 | 127 | 6 | 123 | 15 | 114 | 13 | 112 | 0.4 |
| XIII | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, glass, etc | 17 | 1 | 8 | 57 | 2 | 25 | 28 | 3 | 18 | 68 | 45 | 0.1 |
| XIV | Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones and metals | 114 | 4 | 672 | 463 | 76 | 252 | 77 | 57 | 292 | 205 | 113 | 0.4 |
| XV | Base metals and articles of base metal | 1,749 | 1,135 | 735 | 684 | 209 | 58 | 200 | 217 | 487 | 403 | 344 | 1.1 |
| XVI | Machinery, mechanical and electrical appliances | 66,270 | 46,082 | 38,482 | 40,187 | 7,023 | 10,071 | 13,401 | 9,692 | 5,904 | 1,133 | 1,890 | 6.1 |
| XVII | Transportation equipment | 985 | 1,904 | 385 | 376 | 21 | 131 | 178 | 46 | 50 | 41 | 16 | 0.1 |
| XVIII | Instruments - measuring, musical | 458 | 652 | 418 | 294 | 10 | 134 | 10 | 139 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0.0 |
| XIX | Arms and ammunition |  |  | - |  | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| XX | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 172 | 298 | 163 | 333 | 115 | 25 | 165 | 28 | 92 | 19 | 71 | 0.2 |
| XXI | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques | 0 | 0 | 3 | 43 | 0 | - | 42 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| XXII | 0thers | 27 | 103 | 89 | 126 | 18 | 32 | 15 | 60 | 247 | 287 | 360 | 1.2 |
|  | Total Exports | 144,103 | 117,773 | 136,018 | 143,755 | 28,256 | 35,098 | 44,936 | 35,466 | 25,871 | 31,138 | 30,834 | 100.0 |

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Table 4.

| Country of Destination | Annually |  |  |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2016 |  |  |  | 2017 |  |  |  |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 (P) | March | June | Sept | Dec | Mar | June | Sept (P) | \% of <br> Total |
| Australia | 81,995 | 68,294 | 57,224 | 51,623 | 9,412 | 12,856 | 16,941 | 12,414 | 9,790 | 5,707 | 5,587 | 18.1 |
| American Samoa | 13,051 | 7,348 | 24,943 | 37,059 | 6,418 | 8,027 | 13,291 | 9,324 | 3,404 | 9,070 | 11,065 | 35.9 |
| New Zealand | 19,800 | 22,628 | 20,293 | 17,181 | 3,809 | 4,296 | 4,137 | 4,939 | 4,892 | 6,314 | 5,456 | 17.7 |
| USA | 4,177 | 4,441 | 7,256 | 9,592 | 1,976 | 2,351 | 3,067 | 2,198 | 2,140 | 2,005 | 1,029 | 3.3 |
| Tokelau | 10,377 | 3,004 | 3,772 | 4,236 | 1,483 | 870 | 872 | 1,012 | 1,565 | 2,599 | 2,546 | 8.3 |
| Taiwan | 593 | 489 | 5,766 | 7,576 | 1,215 | 1,772 | 2,179 | 2,410 | 1,134 | 1,416 | 1,776 | 5.8 |
| Fiji | 3,497 | 3,551 | 3,944 | 4,575 | 1,116 | 1,181 | 1,128 | 1,151 | 1,288 | 1,176 | 1,019 | 3.3 |
| China | 319 | 18 | 1,904 | 2,050 | 990 | 550 | 345 | 164 | 469 | 127 | 276 | 0.9 |
| Japan | 717 | 325 | 5,214 | 4,238 | 537 | 1,413 | 1,303 | 985 | 690 | 1,208 | 1,082 | 3.5 |
| Singapore | 2,871 | 4,097 | 2,209 | 1,619 | 264 | 391 | 823 | 141 | 122 | 271 | 290 | 0.9 |
| Other countries | 6,707 | 3,581 | 3,488 | 4,006 | 1,037 | 1,391 | 848 | 729 | 376 | 1,245 | 710 | 2.3 |
| Total Exports | 144,103 | 117,773 | 136,018 | 143,755 | 28,256 | 35,098 | 44,936 | 35,466 | 25,871 | 31,138 | 30,834 | 100.0 |

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| HS Sections |  | Annually |  |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2016 | 2017 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2014 | 2015 | 2016(P) | March | June | Sept | Dec | Mar | June | Sep(P) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% of } \\ & \text { Total } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I | Live animals: animal products | 87,522 | 85,447 | 97,160 | 18,240 | 27,702 | 25,741 | 25,476 | 24,281 | 21,248 | 28,382 | 12.1 |
| II | Vegetable products | 36,897 | 43,073 | 47,586 | 11,437 | 10,354 | 13,191 | 12,605 | 8,752 | 9,303 | 11,422 | 4.9 |
| III | Animal or vegetable oils \& fats | 6,592 | 6,701 | 7,908 | 2,094 | 1,959 | 1,745 | 2,110 | 1,594 | 2,236 | 2,178 | 0.9 |
| IV | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits \& tobacco | 86,967 | 95,033 | 102,220 | 24,145 | 23,642 | 26,635 | 27,799 | 24,326 | 23,286 | 26,775 | 11.4 |
| V | Mineral products | 233,158 | 145,707 | 140,063 | 38,463 | 38,474 | 25,838 | 37,288 | 38,931 | 39,821 | 36,475 | 15.5 |
| VI | Chemicals and allied products | 53,754 | 56,130 | 59,748 | 14,013 | 14,311 | 15,859 | 15,565 | 12,583 | 14,023 | 13,251 | 5.6 |
| VII | Plastic, rubber \& articles thereof | 44,800 | 55,762 | 50,152 | 13,124 | 11,774 | 15,515 | 9,739 | 7,333 | 8,362 | 11,420 | 4.8 |
| VIII | Raw hides, skins, leather articles \& travel goods | 862 | 972 | 996 | 307 | 144 | 226 | 318 | 188 | 288 | 179 | 0.1 |
| IX | Wood, cork \& articles thereof \& plaiting material | 30,635 | 34,974 | 30,407 | 7,875 | 6,678 | 8,030 | 7,824 | 8,168 | 7,897 | 6,021 | 2.6 |
| X | Wood pulp, paper \& paperboard \& articles thereof | 17,501 | 17,669 | 17,480 | 4,937 | 3,770 | 4,306 | 4,467 | 4,435 | 11,684 | 9,056 | 3.8 |
| XI | Textiles \& textile articles | 20,567 | 22,120 | 21,994 | 5,011 | 4,655 | 6,460 | 5,868 | 5,988 | 3,814 | 6,042 | 2.6 |
| XII | Footwear, headgear, umbrellas \& parts thereof | 3,178 | 3,283 | 3,313 | 740 | 760 | 828 | 986 | 617 | 859 | 933 | 0.4 |
| XIII | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass \& ceremic products | 15,497 | 18,643 | 17,845 | 3,997 | 4,331 | 4,512 | 5,005 | 3,585 | 3,796 | 5,499 | 2.3 |
| XIV | Pearls, precious \& semi-precious stones \& metals | 1,841 | 434 | 741 | 57 | 356 | 114 | 214 | 18 | 61 | 91 | 0.0 |
| XV | Base metals \& articles thereof | 63,211 | 66,212 | 67,284 | 19,645 | 18,162 | 14,763 | 14,714 | 17,701 | 24,076 | 17,867 | 7.6 |
| XVI | Machinery \& mechanical \& electrical appliances \& parts thereof | 100,300 | 99,057 | 119,831 | 34,432 | 29,746 | 29,142 | 26,511 | 27,845 | 20,310 | 32,227 | 13.7 |
| XVII | Vehicles, aircraft \& associated transport equipment | 49,648 | 53,555 | 68,782 | 13,279 | 16,229 | 20,494 | 18,781 | 16,079 | 11,028 | 18,020 | 7.7 |
| XVIII | Photographic \& optical, medical \& surgical goods \& clocks/watches | 9,792 | 15,536 | 12,162 | 1,383 | 4,144 | 1,982 | 4,653 | 1,747 | 3,641 | 2,873 | 1.2 |
| XIX | Arms and ammunition, parts \& accessories thereof | 109 | 133 | 166 | 116 | 34 | 11 | 5 | 39 | 93 | 22 | 0.0 |
| XX | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 32,400 | 34,828 | 33,003 | 7,521 | 9,705 | 8,994 | 6,783 | 5,864 | 4,822 | 6,632 | 2.8 |
| XXI | Works of art, collectors pieces \& antiques | 17 | 36 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 0.0 |
| XXII | Others | 78 | 82 | 156 | 19 | 48 | 28 | 60 | 52 | 32 | 84 | 0.0 |
|  | Total | 895,326 | 855,390 | 899,005 | 220,835 | 226,981 | 224,418 | 226,772 | 210,126 | 210,684 | 235,475 | 100.0 |

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Table 6
IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC
[SAT\$(000)]

| Economic Category |  | ANNUALLY | QUARTERLY |  |  |  |  |  |  | MONTHLY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2016 (P) | 2016 |  |  |  | 2017 |  |  | 2017 |  |  |
|  |  | March | June | Sep | Dec | Mar | June | Sep(P) | July(P) | Aug(P) | $\operatorname{Sep}(\mathrm{P})$ |
| 1* | Food and Beverage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11* Primary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 111* Mainly for industry | 4,566 | 1,314 | 867 | 1,611 | 774 | 589 | 374 | 360 | 89 | 201 | 70 |
|  | $112^{*}$ Mainly for household consumption | 27,440 | 5,943 | 7,567 | 7,162 | 6,769 | 6,823 | 6,089 | 6,831 | 2,181 | 2,270 | 2,380 |
|  | 12* Processed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 121* Mainly for industry | 213,222 | 8,150 | 7,642 | 9,320 | 9,493 | 9,439 | 7,997 | 8,619 | 2,195 | 3,235 | 3,189 |
|  | 122* Mainly for household consumption | 178,616 | 38,211 | 44,953 | 47,444 | 48,008 | 39,752 | 39,265 | 50,647 | 14,574 | 18,407 | 17,666 |
| 2* | Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 21* Primary | 9,843 | 3,099 | 2,194 | 2,137 | 2,413 | 2,293 | 1,674 | 1,934 | 743 | 507 | 685 |
|  | 22* Processed | 211,264 | 56,698 | 52,785 | 51,784 | 49,997 | 49,865 | 60,732 | 60,965 | 21,895 | 18,984 | 20,086 |
| 3* | Fuels and Lubricants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 31* Primary | 223 | 24 | 65 | 56 | 79 | 58 | 36 | 22 | 4 | - | 18 |
|  | 32* Processed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 321* Motor spirit | 55,974 | 15,821 | 15,906 | 8,867 | 15,380 | 16,027 | 17,555 | 14,647 | 5,089 | 4,351 | 5,208 |
|  | 322* Other | 64,532 | 16,573 | 17,145 | 13,429 | 17,385 | 19,007 | 18,416 | 17,973 | 6,139 | 6,487 | 5,347 |
|  | Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4* | parts and Accessories thereof |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 41* Capital goods (except transport equipmet) | 80,312 | 16,514 | 22,469 | 23,011 | 18,318 | 16,307 | 14,465 | 22,866 | 4,706 | 7,240 | 10,921 |
|  | 42* Parts and accessories | 31,407 | 13,302 | 7,280 | 5,029 | 5,796 | 7,036 | 5,931 | 6,998 | 1,716 | 1,748 | 3,534 |
|  | Transport Equipment and Parts and Accessories thereof |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5* | 51* Passenger motor cars | 27,135 | 4,905 | 5,500 | 8,768 | 7,962 | 7,149 | 3,118 | 8,392 | 1,073 | 5,485 | 1,833 |
|  | 521* Industrial | 33,500 | 6,611 | 8,907 | 9,976 | 8,006 | 7,646 | 6,343 | 6,034 | 1,426 | 1,924 | 2,685 |
|  | 522* Non-industrial | 2,620 | 424 | 285 | 331 | 1,581 | 242 | 247 | 226 | 99 | 55 | 72 |
|  | 53* Parts and accessories | 14,623 | 3,667 | 4,078 | 3,641 | 3,236 | 4,034 | 3,827 | 4,139 | 1,190 | 1,537 | 1,413 |
| 6* | Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 61* Durable | 17,891 | 3,599 | 4,778 | 4,860 | 4,654 | 2,903 | 4,037 | 4,571 | 1,534 | 1,469 | 1,568 |
|  | 62* Semi-durable | 51,900 | 13,509 | 12,485 | 14,008 | 11,898 | 9,098 | 9,204 | 9,175 | 2,274 | 3,191 | 3,709 |
|  | 63* Non-durable | 52,499 | 12,432 | 12,071 | 12,976 | 15,020 | 11,849 | 11,307 | 11,062 | 3,365 | 3,255 | 4,442 |
| 7* | Goods Not Elsewhere Specified | 54 | 39 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 64 | 12 | . | 11 | 0 |
|  | TOTAL IMPORTS of which | 899,005 | 220,835 | 226,981 | 224,418 | 226,772 | 210,126 | 210,684 | 235,475 | 70,292 | 80,356 | 84,827 |
|  | Capital goods | 113,813 | 23,126 | 31,376 | 32,988 | 26,323 | 23,953 | 20,808 | 28,900 | 6,132 | 9,163 | 13,605 |
|  | Intermediate goods | 371,063 | 102,827 | 92,057 | 87,007 | 89,172 | 92,319 | 98,988 | 101,012 | 33,972 | 32,698 | 34,342 |
|  | Consumption goods | 330,966 | 74,118 | 82,139 | 86,781 | 87,929 | 70,667 | 70,150 | 82,512 | 24,027 | 28,647 | 29,839 |

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 $63^{*}$
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Source Samoa Bureau of Statistics
Data source Customs and PPS establisment survey

| Country of Export | Annually |  |  |  | Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  | 2016 |  |  |  | 2017 |  |  |  |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 (P) | March | June | Sep | Dec | Mar | June | Sep | Dec | Mar | June | Sep(P) | \% of <br> Total |
| New Zealand | 254,361 | 250,392 | 253,903 | 239,876 | 62,560 | 57,304 | 69,752 | 64,287 | 55,74 | 62,239 | 59,003 | 62,861 | 56,304 | 56,404 | 58,715 | 24.9 |
| Singapore | 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 | 36,791 | 32,273 | 13.7 |
| China | 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 | 10,748 | 26,812 | 11.4 |
| Australia | 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 | 25,323 | 28,820 | 12.2 |
| United States of America | 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 | 22,961 | 25,895 | 11.0 |
| Fiji | 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 | 10,827 | 14,696 | 6.2 |
| Japan | 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 | 5,191 | 11,147 | 4.7 |
| Malaysia | 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 | 1,477 | 2,075 | 0.9 |
| Thailand | 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 | 2,310 | 6,066 | 2.6 |
| Indonesia | 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 | 3,072 | 2,071 | 0.9 |
| Hong Kong | 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 | 7,026 | 12,230 | 5.2 |
| VietNam | 1,774 | 2,222 | 5,890 | 4,560 | 248 | 559 | 3,036 | 2,047 | 1,194 | 1,183 | 871 | 1,312 | 590 | 9,839 | 804 | 0.3 |
| Korea Democratic | 1,713 | 2,505 | 1,607 | 3,996 | 689 | 226 | 519 | 172 | 959 | 1,102 | 1,732 | 204 | 1,605 | 323 | 668 | 0.3 |
| India | 3,364 | 2,975 | 1,080 | 3,161 | 400 | 120 | 209 | 351 | 866 | 417 | 977 | 900 | 515 | 399 | 887 | 0.4 |
| Taiwan | 2,258 | 2,567 | 3,128 | 4,932 | 368 | 908 | 1,092 | 759 | 746 | 1,747 | 1,172 | 1,267 | 651 | 389 | 127 | 0.1 |
| Korea Republic | 2,289 | 1,845 | 830 | 1,437 | 268 | 292 | 64 | 205 | 523 | 363 | 119 | 433 | 6,344 | 3,272 | 3,138 | 1.3 |
| Papua New Guinea | 2,395 | 1,362 | 1,208 | 823 | 208 | 258 | 412 | 330 | 257 | 151 | 223 | 192 | 212 | 93 | 175 | 0.1 |
| Tonga | 954 | 1,143 | 643 | 2,448 | 169 | 96 | 149 | 229 | 206 | 1,876 | 53 | 112 | 54 | 29 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Philippines | 2,404 | 848 | 788 | 2,882 | 293 | 140 | 166 | 189 | 102 | 561 | 592 | 1,027 | 310 | 332 | 246 | 0.1 |
| Other countries | 8,158 | 10,949 | 8,332 | 19,976 | 2,150 | 2,024 | 2,432 | 1,726 | 5,784 | 5,456 | 4,655 | 4,081 | 4,317 | 13,880 | 8,629 | 3.7 |
| Total Imports | 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 | 210,684 | 235,475 | 100.0 |

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(P): Provisional figures

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Data source: Samoa Customs Service and PPS establisment survey


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

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