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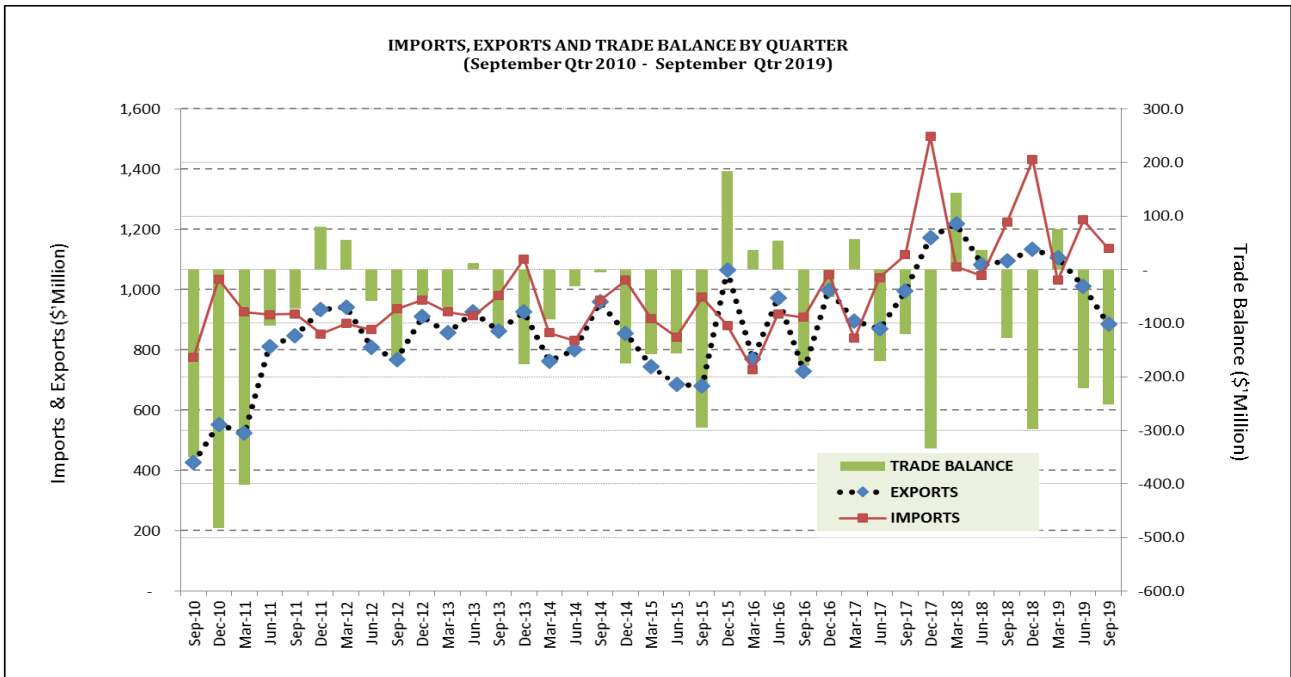
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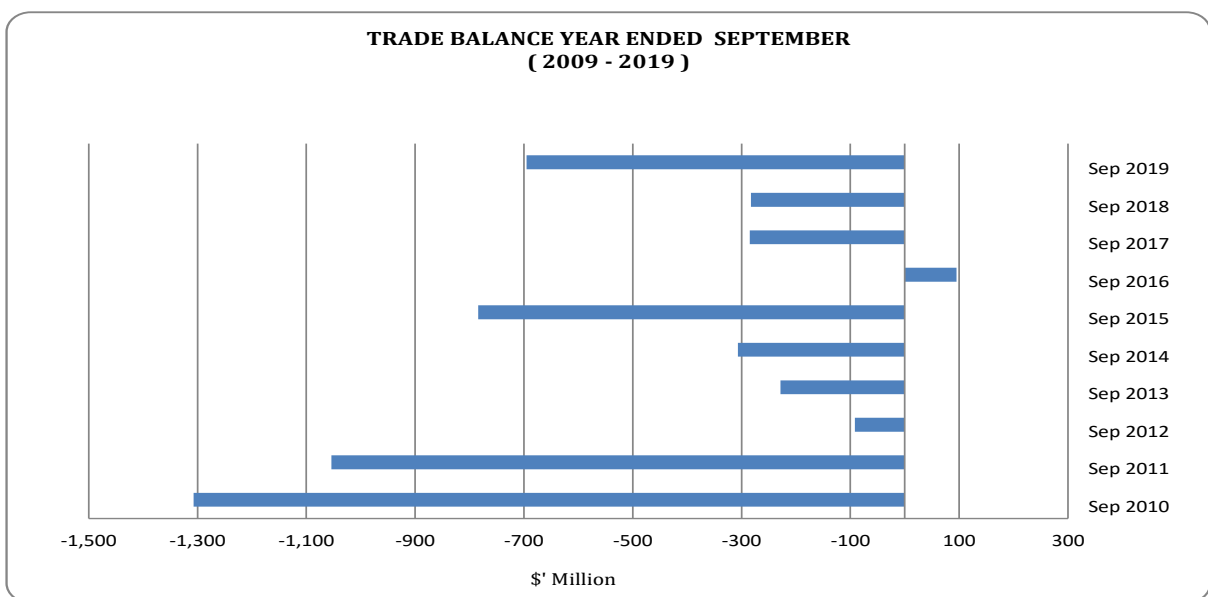
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Highlights

The international merchandise trade balance recorded a deficit of \$251.5m in September quarter of 2019. The deficit widened by 13.7% from the previous quarter, and doubled compared to the same quarter of 2018. Although imports (\$1,137.5m) exceeded exports (\$885.0m) by 28% in the current quarter, there were no significant increases in major commodities of both imports and exports. The overall declines were driven by decreases in major commodities, with imports declining lesser than exports since the previous quarter and annually. The value of imports of major commodities declined such as: food (-2.3%), mineral fuels (-25.3%) and machinery-transport equipment (-25.3%). Similarly, exports of major commodities dropped as follows: crude materials (-12.4%), food-related fish (-20.0%) and some agricultural commodities such as copra (-30.6%), resulting in the overall trade balance.



By year-ended September 2019, the annual total trade deficit of \$695.1m more than doubled (+145.8%) from a deficit of \$282.8m recorded in the same period year-ending in 2018.



Merchandise trade movements by major commodity in the third quarter of 2019 compared to the previous quarter recorded the following:

Major Exports

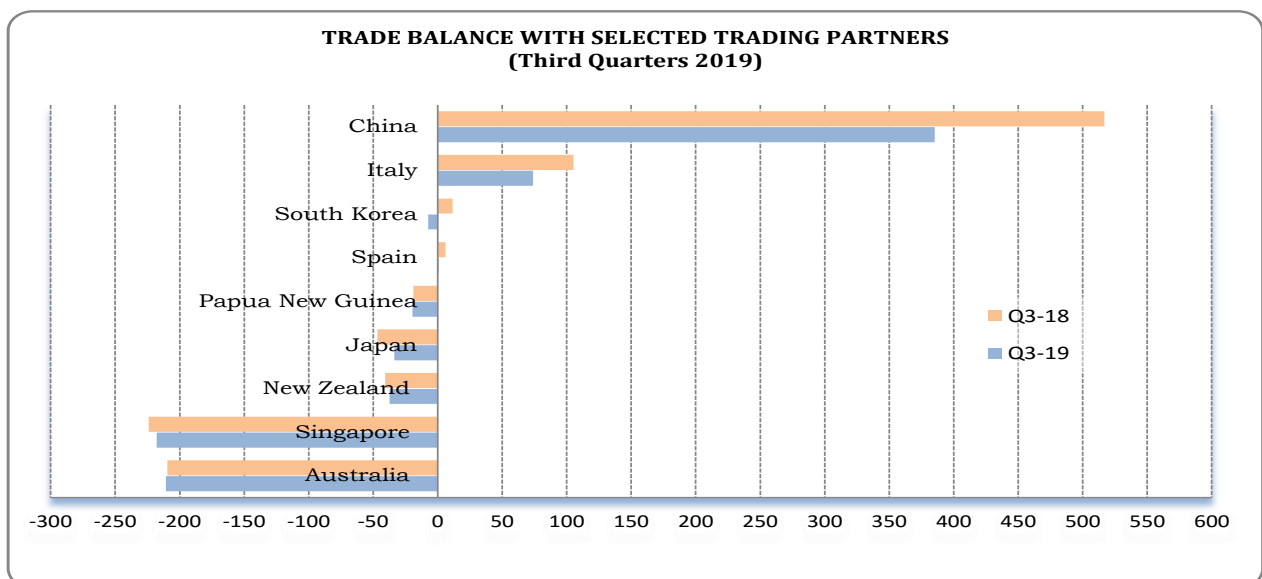
- Total timber exports comprising of log and sawn timber declined by \$137.8m (-18.8%) to \$595.2m. This was driven by a drop (-10.8%) in sawn timber exports.
- Total of fresh/frozen, canned and smoked fish dropped by \$28.5m (-20%) to \$114.1m, mainly caused by a decline (-51.9%) in exports of fresh-frozen-dried fish.
- Total agricultural products increased by \$8.6m (+11.9%) to \$81.2m led by rises in palm oil (+9.8%) and cocoa (+27.7%) countering a decline in copra (-30.6%) and coconut oil (-24.2%).
- Gold drastically increased fourfold by \$6.4m (+369.9%) to \$8.3m.

Major Imports

- Food imports decreased by \$5.7m (-2.3%) to \$245.6m driven by declines in rice (-6.9%), refined sugar (-19.5%) and flour (-53.3%). These outweighed increases in meat preparations (+117.0%) and fish preparations (+62.8%).
- Beverages and Tobacco decreased by \$9.1m (-37.7%) to \$15.0m driven by a drop in unmanufactured tobacco (-79.4%) prevailing over an increase in beer (+109.7%).
- Mineral fuel and lubricants dropped by \$18.5m (-6.7%) to \$257m. This was driven by a decrease in distillate fuels (-2.7%) offsetting an increase in motor spirits (+3.7%).
- Machinery and transport equipment decreased by \$79.8m (-25.3%) to \$235.9m. This was attributed to a decrease in imports for vehicles (goods and special purpose (-7.3%), and passenger vehicles (-8.5%)) and a decrease in outboard motors (-44.3%).

Merchandise trade balance with major trading partners in September quarter, 2019 compared to the previous quarter recorded the following:

- The trade deficit with Singapore, main origin for fuel imports, dropped by \$6.0m (-2.7%) to -\$217.9m.
- The trade deficit with Australia increased by \$1.2m (+0.6%) to -\$210.7m.
- The trade deficit with Papua New Guinea slightly increased by \$0.8m (+4.6%) to -\$19.7m.
- The trade surplus with China, the main destination of exported logs, declined sharply by \$131.5m (-25.5%) to \$385.2m.
- The trade surplus with Italy, the main destination of fish-loin exports declined by \$31.2m (-29.8%) to \$73.9m.



**Table 1: Value of International Merchandise Trade in the Solomon Islands
by Year and Quarter: 2010-2019**

Year/Quarter	Exports FOB (a) including re exports (SBD '000)	Change from previous period (%)	Imports (CIF) (b) (SBD '000)	Change from previous period (%)	Re-Exports (SBD '000)	Trade balance (Exports- Imports) (SBD '000)
Year-ended						
Sep 2010	1,557,588	-2.4	2,870,082	36.7	50,812	-1,312,494
Sep 2011	2,735,467	75.6	3,797,617	32.3	21,266	-1,062,150
Sep 2012	3,452,286	26.2	3,544,124	-6.7	61,378	-91,838
Sep 2013	3,557,015	3.0	3,785,666	6.8	21,926	-228,651
Sep 2014	3,448,589	-3.0	3,755,240	-0.8	15,747	-306,650
Sep 2015	2,966,185	-14.0	3,750,432	-0.1	86,947	-784,247
Sep 2016	3,536,513	19.2	3,441,369	-8.2	53,259	95,144
Sep 2017	3,759,989	6.3	4,044,947	17.5	1,575	-284,957
Sep 2018	4,571,725	21.6	4,854,565	20.0	10,373	-282,839
Sep 2019	4,135,059	-9.6	4,830,165	-0.5	177	-695,106
Quarter-ended						
Dec 2009	357,082	11.2	693,131	36.0	1,867	-336,049
Mar 2010	354,108	-0.8	583,202	-15.9	21,101	-229,095
Jun 2010	420,811	18.8	818,285	40.3	20,965	-397,474
Sep 2010	425,588	1.1	775,464	-5.2	7,101	-349,876
Dec 2010	553,270	30.0	1,035,483	33.5	14,165	-482,213
Mar 2011	524,000	-5.3	925,574	-10.6	-	-401,573
Jun 2011	812,089	55.0	917,318	-0.9	-	-105,229
Sep 2011	846,108	4.2	919,242	0.2	4,716	-73,134
Dec 2011	933,506	10.3	853,171	-7.2	12,812	80,335
Mar 2012	942,500	1.0	887,602	4.0	20,701	54,898
Jun 2012	808,388	-14.2	867,181	-2.3	23,149	-58,793
Sep 2012	767,892	-5.0	936,170	8.0	6,343	-168,278
Dec 2012	911,188	18.7	965,502	3.1	5,515	-54,314
Mar 2013	857,194	-5.9	926,592	-4.0	9,741	-69,398
Jun 2013	925,664	8.0	913,059	-1.5	327	12,605
Sep 2013	862,969	-6.8	980,513	7.4	2,463	-117,544
Dec 2013	925,973	7.3	1,102,229	12.4	1,104	-176,256
Mar 2014	763,624	-17.5	857,414	-22.2	4,894	-93,789
Jun 2014	799,813	4.7	830,590	-3.1	7,286	-30,777
Sep 2014	959,179	19.9	965,008	16.2	61,695	-5,828
Dec 2014	855,174	-10.8	1,030,758	6.8	18,534	-175,584
Mar 2015	744,660	-12.9	902,635	-12.4	1,979	-157,975
Jun 2015	686,322	-7.8	842,538	-6.7	4,738	-156,216
Sep 2015	680,029	-0.9	974,501	15.7	12,053	-294,472
Dec 2015	1,065,058	56.6	880,772	-9.6	19,149	184,286
Mar 2016	769,679	-27.7	733,267	-16.7	13,547	36,412
Jun 2016	973,265	26.5	919,649	25.4	8,510	53,616
Sep 2016	728,510	-25.1	907,681	-1.3	639	-179,171
Dec 2016	999,014	37.1	1,050,887	15.8	520	-51,873
Mar 2017	896,340	-10.3	838,815	-20.2	219	57,525
Jun 2017	869,448	-3.0	1,039,916	24.0	197	-170,467
Sep 2017	995,188	14.5	1,115,329	7.3	389	-120,142
Dec 2017	1,173,803	17.9	1,508,047	35.2	617	-334,244
Mar 2018	1,218,554	3.8	1,075,793	-28.7	1,223	142,761
Jun 2018	1,083,943	-11.0	1,046,953	-2.7	8,145	36,990
Sep 2018	1,095,425	1.1	1,223,771	16.9	135	-128,346
Dec 2018	1,133,572	3.5	1,431,802	17.0	26	-298,229
Mar 2019	1,106,326	-2.4	1,030,596	-28	10	75,731
Jun 2019	1,010,111	-8.7	1,231,257	19	6	-221,146
Sep 2019	885,049	-12.4	1,136,511	-8	2	-251,461

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(a) FOB is Freight on Board

(b) CIF is Cost Insurance and Freight

Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 2a: Value of Imports to the Solomon Islands by Country of Origin and Calendar Year: 2007 to 2018

Region and Country of Origin	Change from previous year	Year ended December											
		2018	2017	2016	2015 /r	2014 /r	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009/e	2008	2007
	%	Dollars SBD ('000s)											
<u>OCEANIA</u>	-23.2	1,307,802	1,701,821	1,150,653	1,412,895	1,449,743	1,221,222	1,571,308	1,460,279	1,341,023	724,799	787,168	974,802
Australia	-2.9	870,668	896,902	744,609	1,036,477	1,016,131	918,146	1,180,381	1,042,177	986,440	466,709	488,530	689,759
Papua New Guinea	-3.1	90,580	93,440	92,268	105,571	100,030	92,181	115,044	139,785	123,181	119,770	136,859	125,009
New Zealand	-65.6	203,746	592,770	189,806	177,194	224,313	139,942	185,287	204,452	166,696	92,683	116,365	122,471
Fiji	12.0	114,960	102,634	106,094	87,394	99,360	57,638	75,306	63,020	55,043	36,925	40,263	32,990
Vanuatu	-54.1	6,969	15,174	17,436	6,167	9,324	4,245	6,206	8,467	9,662	8,661	5,044	4,422
Other	2216.3	20,879	901	440	91	586	9,070	9,084	2,378	-	51	108	151
<u>ASIA</u>	24.0	3,314,426	2,671,942	2,337,566	2,072,701	2,135,758	1,381,198	1,977,028	1,989,814	1,722,613	1,169,617	1,174,137	1,156,979
Japan	14.5	210,749	184,069	241,038	217,351	145,506	733,841	169,836	121,089	131,495	88,643	103,685	179,034
Singapore	25.1	777,200	621,428	559,195	620,033	892,598	12,920	1,023,007	967,374	651,251	541,714	672,347	591,410
South Korea	13.7	27,982	24,601	29,121	26,287	18,691	32,504	15,413	13,761	17,644	12,523	14,731	17,678
Hong Kong	-7.1	116,430	125,384	94,438	74,791	53,518	255,818	43,531	32,526	21,502	13,558	23,421	26,358
China	25.6	710,431	565,742	534,653	390,458	441,219	20,076	308,210	385,815	473,968	214,707	136,329	108,414
Taiwan	1188.3	342,452	26,582	24,588	15,831	14,105	44,429	35,636	26,700	11,120	19,432	5,334	12,226
Thailand	14.9	101,027	87,897	62,755	59,870	45,987	64,879	56,255	67,438	59,765	35,575	31,046	41,883
Indonesia	-13.8	145,457	168,706	107,005	157,487	163,104	162,300	81,697	90,320	37,784	28,493	40,079	45,092
Malaysia	7.9	618,060	572,904	378,479	400,316	308,219	11,395	204,007	214,603	155,049	105,644	115,211	127,003
Philippines	66.2	18,368	11,052	10,597	9,311	17,826	1,318	17,128	10,947	25,693	8,483	6,591	NA
Vietnam *	-18.7	214,777	264,085	232,652	48,265	7,498	13,264	3,357	18,254	104,749	84,992	2,901	NA
Other	61.6	31,494	19,491	63,045	52,700	27,487	28,453	18,950	40,987	32,594	15,854	22,461	7,883
<u>EUROPE</u>	30.1	63,850	49,059	51,039	59,850	42,678	26,376	39,484	98,300	34,268	42,379	165,173	35,530
United Kingdom	250.6	23,621	6,737	12,046	14,228	7,325	6,049	4,037	17,594	7,572	16,263	101,497	14,128
Germany	-75.3	2,725	11,027	13,705	9,583	11,887	1,681	8,139	49,334	5,715	5,697	51,740	9,326
Denmark	122.6	9,010	4,048	5,258	5,236	3,411	684	3,726	5,542	2,632	3,400	5,911	716
Spain	118.0	5,893	2,704	1,737	82	352	2,998	1,746	9,741	265	115	138	-
Italy	5.3	3,077	2,922	1,329	6,774	2,672	3,920	3,348	4,208	8,127	2,283	1,884	-
Belgium	27.9	5,628	4,402	50	9	509	1,910	4,260	732	316	372	91	3,679
Netherlands	1.0	6,992	6,919	6,056	15,460	7,317	1,849	2,242	6,476	1,800	2,950	931	2,112
Sweden	26.2	3,924	3,110	3,137	3,238	3,688	6,166	2,278	2,996	2,168	1,683	2,026	1,823
Other Europe	-58.5	2,982	7,190	7,721	5,241	5,518	1,121	9,709	1,678	5,674	9,616	955	3,747
<u>AFRICA</u>	-6.3	2,077	2,215	3,494	1,752	1,042	8,412	1,662	3,286	1,365	-	-	458
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	227
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	-	886	-	-	-	-	-	13
South Africa	-42.1	223	385	377	1,177	453	235	1,428	3,286	1,365	-	-	85
Other Africa	1.3	1,854	1,831	3,117	576	589	7,291	235	-	-	-	-	133
<u>AMERICA</u>	21.3	89,048	73,387	64,718	48,572	52,088	4,809	64,482	61,157	107,958	154,570	254,002	18,753
USA	17.4	79,156	67,424	43,461	43,032	50,071	2,482	61,991	59,550	105,951	153,598	253,483	15,523
Other	65.9	9,892	5,963	21,257	5,540	2,017	2,327	2,491	1,607	2,006	972	519	3,230
<u>Other regions</u>	-69.7	1,116	3,682	4,014	4,675	2,460	126,836	2,492	2,470	5,207	8,290	1,810	3,676
TOTAL IMPORTS	6.1	4,778,319	4,502,107	3,611,484	3,600,446	3,683,769	3,922,393	3,656,456	3,615,304	3,212,434	2,099,655	2,382,291	2,190,199

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(a) Prior to 2008, Vietnam was included under the 'Other Asia' category

(b) Prior to 2008, the 'Other Asia' category included Vietnam, but afterwards the figures for Vietnam are in their own category

Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 2b: Value of Imports to the Solomon Islands by Country of Origin and Quarter: March Quarter 2011 to September Quarter 2019

Region and Country of Origin	Change from previous period/r	Year/Quarter - ended																			
		2019			2018			2017			2016			2015/r							
	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	
	%	Dollars SBD ('000s)																			
OCEANIA	1.61	319,286	314,214	286,710	339,554	327,888	349,571	290,789	757,158	341,843	374,760	228,060	316,556	269,774	309,352	254,971	361,798	460,968	280,920	309,209	
Australia	2.80	220,511	214,508	183,747	237,592	223,134	217,109	192,833	271,856	237,334	249,381	138,331	208,541	162,560	215,150	158,358	247,968	361,626	214,857	212,026	
Papua New Guinea	4.09	21,508	20,663	28,664	24,730	20,474	20,684	24,691	22,521	22,773	31,051	17,095	20,967	22,409	23,124	25,768	31,915	26,912	22,268	24,476	
New Zealand	2.35	49,923	48,777	40,711	47,246	53,274	63,268	39,958	437,316	49,792	60,767	44,895	40,488	50,784	52,715	45,819	48,819	47,043	29,979	51,353	
Fiji	-19.95	23,996	29,975	31,069	29,288	27,780	39,070	18,822	21,758	29,723	29,742	21,410	39,268	29,018	14,965	22,843	31,528	24,267	11,292	20,307	
Vanuatu	706.6	2,020	250	47	683	628	4,388	1,270	3,015	2,186	3,787	6,185	7,275	4,961	3,064	2,136	1,522	1,119	2,507	1,020	
Other	3176.2	1,328	41	2,471	16	2,598	5,052	13,214	692	34	31	144	17	42	334	47	47	-	18	27	
ASIA	-13.4	704,608	813,856	702,447	1,067,447	858,353	656,607	732,019	714,378	746,073	640,299	571,192	700,253	613,803	574,257	449,253	496,594	477,174	535,181	563,752	
Japan	-28.9	34,714	48,843	48,899	47,031	46,777	60,014	56,927	43,660	33,128	54,546	52,736	70,900	78,754	53,657	37,727	36,081	62,108	74,774	44,388	
Singapore	-13.9	223,152	259,096	221,642	180,471	245,118	129,864	221,747	159,352	158,547	129,018	174,511	204,373	114,715	123,915	116,192	148,141	99,066	213,536	159,290	
South Korea	-16.3	11,289	13,493	7,921	9,109	6,342	7,731	4,799	11,802	2,724	5,968	4,106	8,021	8,104	8,904	4,092	2,068	6,050	8,964	9,205	
Hong Kong	-2.02	26,299	26,840	19,804	27,628	35,589	27,307	25,906	31,511	30,486	26,747	36,640	29,372	22,586	19,570	22,910	25,142	16,730	15,249	17,670	
China	3.40	150,916	145,953	130,599	200,651	199,182	150,113	160,486	148,780	155,452	153,047	108,463	154,331	159,869	120,624	99,829	132,628	104,768	62,102	90,960	
Taiwan	102.5	60,713	29,986	45,724	308,633	13,583	11,364	8,872	11,084	3,926	9,019	2,553	1,792	7,732	7,754	7,310	4,985	4,957	1,867	4,022	
Thailand	-11.7	19,732	22,350	24,099	21,826	30,438	36,650	12,113	27,571	24,139	20,860	15,328	19,061	18,340	16,796	8,558	17,347	16,854	11,728	13,941	
Indonesia	-37.4	22,939	36,631	29,438	34,813	43,738	36,143	30,762	63,853	51,539	31,823	21,491	31,615	29,624	27,256	18,510	39,078	32,539	49,080	36,790	
Malaysia	-45.0	69,627	126,642	120,636	146,259	176,453	142,520	152,829	127,454	178,414	135,702	131,334	109,380	65,832	126,510	76,757	67,923	120,082	72,367	139,944	
Philippines*	-1.7	3,739	3,805	3,255	6,692	3,279	3,258	5,138	3,244	2,992	2,042	2,774	3,112	3,221	2,159	2,105	2,391	2,839	1,243	2,839	
Vietnam *	-13.2	71,055	81,892	39,637	76,877	50,088	44,730	43,081	80,180	101,888	66,482	15,534	59,907	97,127	62,204	13,414	16,095	5,458	20,552	6,159	
Other	-43.1	10,433	18,326	10,793	7,457	7,765	6,914	9,357	5,887	2,836	5,046	5,722	8,389	7,899	4,908	41,849	4,715	5,722	3,720	38,544	
EUROPE	102.4	92,179	45,533	17,056	8,372	10,602	13,940	30,937	9,714	9,772	9,807	19,767	8,388	8,257	16,793	17,601	8,701	21,391	10,940	18,818	
United Kingdom	54.8	1,325	856	666	1,988	1,631	4,448	15,554	940	542	359	4,896	1,063	315	7,997	2,671	1,827	10,074	980	1,347	
Germany	408.0	3,142	619	1,005	645	851	356	874	2,121	1,394	998	6,515	1,248	2,966	4,067	5,424	1,765	1,759	4,575	1,484	
Denmark	-66.4	1,117	3,328	6,457	279	1,334	1,569	5,827	1,493	164	768	1,623	686	55	896	3,621	163	147	775	4,151	
Spain	-92.2	81	1,043	343	46	266	700	4,881	281	2,403	20	-	785	527	327	98	25	36	15	5	
Italy	-0.2	662	664	371	1,773	439	297	569	987	-	826	1,109	427	578	92	232	1,430	211	189	4,944	
Belgium	-39.9	1,078	1,793	1,380	4	1,496	4,123	4	612	1,943	1,396	451	-	-	38	12	-	1	1	7	
Netherlands	-22.5	3,273	4,226	2,469	1,615	2,584	1,592	1,201	1,463	1,714	2,947	796	290	2,508	845	2,413	2,054	7,854	2,089	3,464	
Sweden	-34.6	1,261	1,929	2,276	1,040	1,096	210	1,578	1,099	689	493	829	16	697	1,783	641	1,078	684	282	1,193	
Other	158.2	80,238	31,076	2,088	981	906	645	450	719	924	2,000	3,548	3,873	611	748	2,489	359	625	2,035	2,222	
AFRICA	22.9	150	122	4,528	749	372	458	497	1,240	547	172	258	479	1,043	1,612	360	46	290	902	514	
Malawi	.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Uganda	.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
South Africa	105.4	86	42	99	80	55	26	62	85	79	37	183	43	34	34	266	38	47	578	514	
Other	-20.0	64	80	4,429	669	317	433	436	1,155	467	134	74	436	1,009	1,578	94	8	244	324	-	
AMERICA	-64.7	20,287	57,531	19,855	15,680	26,555	26,377	20,435	25,475	15,092	14,650	18,171	25,088	12,488	16,967	10,175	12,141	12,476	13,780	10,175	
USA	-70.2	16,721	56,064	16,283	14,509	23,253	24,679	16,716	23,221	13,992	14,076	16,134	22,108	9,038	12,315	-	11,403	11,147	10,374	10,108	
Other	143.0	3,566	1,467	3,572	1,171	3,303	1,698	3,720	2,254	1,099	573	2,037	2,980	3,450	4,652	10,175	738	1,329	3,406	67	
Other Regions	.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,116	83	2,003	229	1,367	123	2,316	668	907	1,492	2,202	814	167	
Total Imports	-7.70	1,136,511	1,231,257	1,030,596	1,431,802	1,223,771	1,046,953	1,075,793	1,508,047	1,115,329	1,039,916	838,815	1,050,887	907,681	919,649	733,267	880,772	974,501	842,538	902,635	

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Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 2b (Cont.): Value of Imports to the Solomon Islands by Country of Origin and Quarter: March Quarter 2011 to September Quarter 2019

Region and Country of Origin	Year/Quarter - ended															
	2014 /r				2013				2012				2011			
	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar
	Dollars SBD ('000s)															
OCEANIA	394,884	351,409	339,886	363,564	402,186	370,676	388,871	410,697	467,994	383,797	369,430	350,086	356,264	405,109	365,152	333,753
Australia	272,286	252,366	233,946	257,533	287,012	276,730	290,156	309,722	360,018	281,348	276,780	262,235	265,791	288,544	247,966	239,876
Papua New Guinea	29,865	23,066	23,436	23,663	26,109	28,021	28,359	31,186	30,124	33,612	28,445	22,863	25,753	41,114	36,281	36,637
New Zealand	57,951	45,718	61,617	59,027	51,385	42,315	49,194	42,834	54,759	46,110	39,073	45,345	46,382	55,691	61,469	40,909
Fiji	32,918	26,604	18,198	21,640	34,669	21,098	19,620	20,305	16,530	21,305	19,802	17,668	16,303	17,997	15,531	13,188
Vanuatu	1,864	3,656	2,674	1,130	2,180	2,449	1,006	1,950	2,039	1,321	886	1,961	2,028	1,760	1,930	2,749
Other Oceania	-	-	15	571	832	64	537	4,701	4,524	102	4,444	14	7	3	1,975	394
ASIA	609,956	596,061	465,155	464,586	641,366	578,577	478,664	472,649	439,423	496,247	445,527	465,479	456,120	460,832	511,802	538,273
Japan	44,252	28,319	44,476	28,459	102,338	36,592	34,420	37,270	198,591	286,283	248,967	289,166	167,707	215,318	294,180	290,169
Singapore	273,621	193,158	191,457	234,362	253,193	191,452	216,772	253,318	5,124	3,137	4,660	2,493	2,193	5,674	1,599	4,296
South Korea	5,166	3,281	4,418	5,826	6,272	2,228	1,747	4,019	14,218	11,131	7,155	11,027	11,008	7,382	9,095	5,040
Hong Kong	17,161	12,435	13,641	10,280	15,238	11,190	13,233	7,270	100,386	80,079	75,353	52,393	130,782	97,418	91,532	66,084
China	127,316	144,728	94,165	75,011	109,902	92,312	77,327	72,314	5,458	9,346	5,272	15,560	6,367	5,258	11,605	3,470
Taiwan	5,019	2,425	2,231	4,429	9,808	90,556	6,800	7,600	12,319	13,875	18,235	11,826	22,879	22,304	11,386	10,869
Thailand	15,588	8,617	9,199	12,582	23,230	14,571	10,748	10,202	23,239	22,904	18,736	16,817	19,718	21,565	16,302	32,735
Indonesia	47,324	61,324	23,455	31,002	30,315	24,158	21,793	21,905	54,206	55,826	52,268	41,708	73,956	45,996	52,856	41,796
Malaysia	58,406	124,514	71,233	54,066	80,135	104,613	83,477	48,666	5,835	2,631	2,929	5,734	3,834	3,886	1,474	1,753
Philippines	5,002	7,775	2,754	2,295	4,771	2,569	5,975	4,168	1,076	160	82	2,039	2,560	2,086	1,062	12,546
Vietnam	5,121	1,214	968	194	1,812	969	921	7	6,623	4,078	2,563	5,686	6,332	11,406	9,395	13,853
Other Asia	5,979	8,271	7,157	6,081	4,352	7,367	5,448	5,909	12,349	6,797	9,307	11,030	8,784	22,539	11,316	55,662
Europe	11,338	8,451	8,252	14,637	18,387	11,748	24,742	23,934	12,079	6,332	7,965	10,734	9,788	16,849	5,769	51,587
United Kingdom	2,971	988	780	2,586	1,655	2,733	3,145	5,434	1,370	3,573	1,106	2,090	2,102	5,719	1,560	39,953
Germany	466	2,213	2,865	6,343	269	716	1,274	1,434	1,431	94	155	2,046	25	4,418	10	1,088
Denmark	1,453	1,238	409	311	-	219	10,277	723	158	205	321	1,062	1,161	1,852	582	6,146
Spain	104	57	45	145	10	28	449	762	1,705	543	750	350	1,939	1,691	211	367
Italy	1,316	648	482	226	2,151	502	955	1,052	3,432	2	486	340	415	283	5	29
Belgium	10	256	141	102	33	1	19	1	1,297	87	526	332	695	1,437	2,081	2,263
Netherlands	3,529	1,910	949	930	2,721	1,319	3,930	3,715	786	673	390	429	402	932	479	1,184
Sweden	1,224	374	966	1,124	2,015	1,393	1,501	1,571	1,286	680	4,200	3,543	259	475	452	492
Other Europe	266	768	1,614	2,870	9,533	4,839	3,193	9,244	615	475	31	542	2,790	42	389	65
Africa	45	303	66	629	4,437	220	1,487	1,091	6,009	1,718	685	724	3,692	4,472	597	208
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	549	306	31	542	2,790	42	389	65
South Africa	45	303	66	39	1,225	38	1,261	1,011	67	168	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Africa	-	-	-	589	3,212	181	226	80	5,394	1,244	654	182	902	4,430	208	143
Americas	13,948	8,717	17,021	12,401	35,833	18,256	18,001	17,988	3,581	832	396	173	501	3,339	151	85
USA	13,831	8,442	15,785	12,013	33,112	17,441	17,114	16,408	1,813	411	258	9	401	1,091	57	58
Other Americas	117	275	1,236	389	2,721	816	888	1579.73	1,768	421	138	164	100	2,248	94	27
Other Regions	587	66	210	1,596	19	1,036	1,294	233	36,416	47,242	43,178	60,406	26,806	28,641	33,847	1,667
TOTAL IMPORTS	1,030,758	965,008	830,590	857,414	1,102,229	980,513	913,059	926,592	965,502	936,170	867,181	887,602	853,171	919,242	917,318	925,573

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Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 3a: Value of Exports from the Solomon Islands by Country of Final Destination and Calendar Year: 2007 to 2018

Region and Country of Final Destination	Change form previous year	Year ended December											
		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009 e	2008	2007
	(%)	Dollars SBD ('000s)											
OCEANIA	24.5	124,287	99,839	103,509	112,596	463,140	896,874	984,444	597,001	134,612	100,780	103,751	66,935
Australia	23.2	39,949	32,438	40,183	45,408	357,838	808,586	865,209	556,285	62,494	46,365	50,774	35,150
Papua New Guinea	-12.9	14,047	16,136	6,771	6,112	47,871	16,386	19,992	2,794	42,290	19,067	13,479	7,731
New Zealand	84.1	35,879	19,492	18,602	24,994	20,713	39,170	30,825	14,941	10,994	12,498	13,845	7,491
Fiji	9.5	9,212	8,409	8,802	17,542	17,982	10,967	13,698	7,619	8,913	11,729	14,450	8,707
Vanuatu	-6.2	13,855	14,776	11,705	7,895	6,932	11,008	43,995	6,098	1,470	6,812	6,552	2,458
Other	32.1	11,346	8,587	17,446	10,644	11,804	10,757	10,724	9,264	8,450	4,309	4,651	5,398
ASIA	19.0	3,792,361	3,186,241	2,802,431	2,554,815	2,371,409	2,126,299	1,962,914	2,027,280	1,298,215	958,056	1,316,748	980,113
Japan	-49.7	8,577	17,061	25,257	52,463	30,960	9,360	23,129	7,576	10,997	15,463	29,199	58,013
Singapore	82.8	39,960	21,863	7,162	56	6,696	2,464	24,170	25,886	43,185	46,679	82,696	52,584
Republic of Korea	7.6	35,011	32,551	29,260	34,472	35,856	35,012	44,068	35,197	43,776	47,793	65,498	73,697
Hong Kong	26.8	64,284	50,681	48,390	41,084	19,394	59,914	17,872	7,700	12,868	14,203	8,096	15,421
China	18.0	3,028,519	2,565,602	2,169,000	1,841,641	1,943,707	1,600,288	1,325,284	1,373,175	851,999	600,635	672,783	564,011
Taiwan	49.6	88,575	59,204	52,569	45,399	39,624	95,119	22,113	11,651	473	133	973	1,326
Thailand	91.1	95,254	49,854	29,403	33,023	74,931	120,215	183,994	168,799	114,461	93,739	219,374	87,392
Indonesia	-50.4	1,489	3,002	16,067	44,967	19,215	12,242	17,893	57,922	56,743	27,758	5,381	3,959
Malaysia	17.4	69,845	59,473	101,753	100,060	88,394	55,997	33,183	59,065	15,341	20,427	6,768	16,787
Philippines	-38.4	85,229	138,454	128,586	130,263	95,900	109,513	215,198	230,038	141,827	80,471	198,170	36,170
Vietnam *	-13.7	33,442	38,743	48,413	18,046	10,014	11,440	6,315	11,138	3,421	9,756	27,458	NA
Other	61.7	242,176	149,753	146,569	213,340	6,719	14,735	49,697	-	3,123	998	353	70,753
EUROPE	-4.6	590,811	618,979	546,164	499,883	457,426	477,689	463,010	493,029	314,629	225,905	218,036	154,911
United Kingdom	65.9	47,934	28,893	153,236	233,736	213,549	217,837	295,799	109,614	128,684	30,844	124,399	46,836
Germany	-5.9	20	21	749	-	161	480	1	2,603	3,938	5,261	12	1,962
Denmark	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	79,863	-	-	-	-
Spain	45.1	14,066	9,693	6,425	8,443	33,208	12,393	37,937	141,471	119,185	132,715	22,925	48,909
Italy	7.4	327,272	304,693	242,127	219,158	198,044	224,684	126,594	141,471	60,199	55,427	69,901	56,323
Belgium	-	841	-	433	259	111	-	5	-	2	11	-	-
Netherlands	-26.5	86,888	118,152	24,030	1,963	1,746	14	-	156,886	-	-	-	75
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-27.8	113,791	157,526	119,120	36,324	10,608	22,282	2,675	-	2,620	1,647	799	806
AFRICA	24.1	208	168	-	1,899	-	2,195	27	-	-	-	-	6,985
AMERICA	-19.5	23,355	28,997	15,550	6,382	85,558	68,742	19,572	3,911	6,320	1,974	2,034	611
USA	-16.6	23,355	28,006	15,059	5,895	85,483	68,520	19,561	3,911	6,320	1,927	2,008	601
Other	-100.0	-	991	491	486	75	222	12	-	-	48	26	9
Other regions	-14.8	473	555	2,814	494	257	-	42	-	-	-	-	2,245
TOTAL EXPORTS	15.2	4,531,495	3,934,779	3,470,469	3,176,069	3,377,791	3,571,800	3,429,968	3,121,263	1,753,776	1,286,715	1,640,569	1,211,800

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(a) Prior to 2008, Vietnam was included under the 'Other Asia' category

(b) Prior to 2008, the 'Other Asia' category included Vietnam, but afterwards the figures for Vietnam are in their own category

Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 3b: Value of Exports from the Solomon Islands by Country of Final Destination and Quarter: March Quarter 2011 to September Quarter 2019

Region and Country of Final Destination	Change from previous period	Year/Quarter - ended																		
		2019			2018			2017			2016				2015					
	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	
	(%)	Dollars SBD ('000s)																		
OCEANIA	63.3	49,459	30,287	32,707	23,549	36,487	30,910	33,341	18,720	29,002	26,888	25,229	22,765	22,948	39,355	18,442	34,445	38,110	21,832	18,209
Australia	17.2	9,813	8,374	12,319	6,526	13,643	9,343	10,436	7,599	11,997	6,736	6,105	6,743	9,258	14,890	9,292	17,517	13,195	7,000	7,696
Papua New Guinea	-45.2	1,846	3,367	1,554	679	1,670	1,039	10,658	1,349	1,459	6,619	6,709	3,552	1,219	966	1,034	1,202	1,999	2,145	766
New Zealand	90.5	12,613	6,622	7,540	7,838	12,453	8,428	7,160	3,563	4,868	6,319	4,742	5,016	5,883	3,691	4,011	4,637	12,090	3,998	4,269
Fiji	82.3	4,835	2,652	48	3,264	180	4,047	1,721	99	4,186	1,667	2,458	3,054	2,007	3,143	598	5,821	5,579	2,693	3,449
Vanuatu	81.8	5,402	2,971	2,910	2,913	4,798	4,265	1,880	3,707	4,182	3,755	3,132	3,432	3,565	3,557	1,152	2,893	1,318	2,978	707
Other	137.3	14,950	6,301	8,337	2,329	3,742	3,788	1,486	2,402	2,310	1,792	2,083	967	1,016	13,108	2,356	2,375	3,929	3,018	1,322
ASIA	-17.8	683,316	830,981	938,698	959,471	875,413	894,604	1,062,872	986,162	794,059	665,792	740,229	802,788	598,044	740,391	661,209	905,690	524,826	522,093	602,205
Japan	497.3	1,197	200	300	2,580	6	5,476	516	360	4,326	5,680	6,695	2,133	2,574	3,954	16,596	34,032	9,179	-	9,252
Singapore	-0.9	5,261	5,306	250	18,809	21,151	-	-	6,679	15,165	18	-	2,466	-	-	4,696	-	56	-	-
Republic of Korea	-27.8	3,862	5,351	28,457	1,545	17,920	11,516	4,030	16,455	1,593	8,867	5,637	2,719	5,457	5,735	15,349	9,662	16,111	4,092	4,606
Hong Kong	126.0	29,903	13,230	15,640	6,199	2,511	23,219	32,356	22,983	3,858	8,834	15,007	10,813	14,163	13,879	9,535	5,450	10,310	8,140	17,183
China	-17.8	536,152	651,871	705,370	784,950	715,935	688,150	839,485	808,723	606,461	550,385	600,033	612,498	448,822	579,387	528,293	654,359	322,208	394,432	470,642
Taiwan	-67.7	7,781	24,080	14,304	7,941	23,926	26,963	29,745	21,045	13,397	13,097	11,664	12,922	9,098	17,874	12,676	24,284	6,501	4,119	10,494
Thailand	-54.9	17,666	39,157	28,384	22,152	1,042	26,065	45,994	22,014	5,277	1,747	20,816	18,188	-	1,049	10,166	11,067	5,117	373	16,467
Indonesia	-33.8	710	1,073	-	-	-	692	797	172	850	1,261	719	2,342	919	7,939	4,867	2,102	1,067	14,484	27,313
Malaysia	15.6	20,927	18,101	7,863	15,168	20,174	29,754	4,749	11,271	2,996	20,363	24,842	18,740	36,183	41,949	4,882	20,535	28,061	38,572	12,892
Philippines	-4.2	12,766	13,332	19,383	17,468	11,910	28,716	27,134	47,718	27,245	20,886	42,606	39,972	28,948	31,300	28,366	41,799	42,632	21,421	24,410
Vietnam *	21.0	11,348	9,377	35,291	19,160	6,464	7,182	636	1,073	22,953	4,521	10,196	11,795	10,293	25,361	964	6,547	699	6,487	4,313
Other	-28.4	35,744	49,902	83,458	63,499	54,376	46,870	77,430	27,670	89,939	30,131	2,013	68,199	41,587	11,965	24,818	95,852	82,883	29,973	4,633
EUROPE	1.5	136,058	133,998	129,408	146,200	175,789	149,444	119,377	160,945	164,013	168,031	125,990	172,402	99,597	188,162	86,003	123,739	115,768	140,510	119,866
United Kingdom	3536.7	21,489	591	17,141	18,795	17,671	10,081	1,386	20,293	8,578	14	8	23	26,509	89,672	37,032	48,872	53,964	71,498	59,402
Germany	-	1	-	-	-	11	-	8	-	-	21	-	85	-	663	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-
Spain	-78.9	810	3,837	6,252	2,609	6,269	4,054	1,134	-	2,071	7,622	-	-	1,572	3,805	1,047	598	1,566	3,142	3,138
Italy	0.9	74,591	73,936	65,974	76,977	105,684	76,059	68,551	94,146	92,993	65,460	52,093	66,097	57,004	80,979	38,047	63,502	49,797	50,962	54,897
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	841	-	-	-	-	-	-	151	139	-	144	131	-	128	-
Netherlands	-11.6	20,396	23,069	15,773	18,307	15,805	23,159	29,617	13,215	21,097	47,408	36,432	13,304	10,725	-	-	-	-	14	1,949
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-42.4	18,772	32,565	24,267	29,512	29,508	36,091	18,679	33,291	39,274	47,506	37,456	92,741	3,649	13,043	9,688	10,636	10,442	14,767	480
AFRICA	-84.2	10	66	-	113	35	-	60	24	144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	1,887	-
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-84.2	10	66	-	113	35	-	60	21	144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	1,887	-
AMERICA	9.7	16,206	14,780	5,513	4,239	7,701	8,847	2,568	7,782	7,970	8,492	4,753	865	7,871	5,291	1,524	987	1,313	-	4,082
USA	9.6	16,197	14,778	5,513	4,239	7,701	8,847	2,568	7,780	7,649	8,483	4,094	832	7,866	4,960	1,400	610	1,313	-	3,973
Other	531.3	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	321	9	659	33	5	330	123	377	-	-	109
Other Regions	-	-	-	-	-	-	137	335	170	-	245	139	195	50	67	2,502	197	-	-	298
Total Exports	-12.4	885,049	1,010,111	1,106,326	1,133,572	1,095,425	1,083,943	1,218,554	1,173,803	995,188	869,448	896,340	999,014	728,510	973,265	769,679	1,065,058	680,029	686,322	744,660

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Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 3b (Cont.): Value of Exports from the Solomon Islands by Country of Final Destination and Quarter: March Quarter 2011 to September Quarter 2019

Region and Country of Final Destination	Year/Quarter - ended															
	2014				2013				2012				2011			
	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar
	Dollars SBD ('000s)															
OCEANIA	48,216	126,446	111,931	176,547	187,818	196,141	301,098	211,816	228,091	208,786	247,323	300,244	242,783	227,643	100,162	20,853
Australia	26,507	80,264	91,497	159,569	165,669	169,725	285,212	187,980	210,877	159,934	220,669	273,729	229,910	218,124	92,680	10,030
Papua New Guinea	8,140	32,046	5,964	1,721	2,791	3,607	13	9,974	853	1,397	7,580	10,162	1,097	819	343	520
New Zealand	3,838	5,866	4,917	6,093	9,142	14,462	9,037	6,529	4,190	3,360	15,748	7,528	5,566	2,272	2,386	4,716
Fiji	5,596	3,375	4,960	4,050	4,411	2,382	1,853	2,322	4,318	4,233	178	4,969	2,422	3,420	1,271	502
Vanuatu	2,280	1,467	1,123	2,063	3,975	1,901	2,425	2,707	4,543	38,300	376	776	2,120	943	1,487	1,548
Other	1,854	3,428	3,470	3,051	1,831	4,063	2,558	2,305	3,310	1,562	2,772	3,080	1,668	2,065	1,994	3,537
ASIA	662,789	702,823	523,869	481,928	545,793	506,645	505,881	567,981	572,430	392,573	470,439	527,472	550,272	521,113	550,789	405,106
Japan	3,328	20,731	3,828	3,072	1,662	4,507	1,272	1,919	3,309	3,021	8,030	8,769	-	1,584	1,825	4,166
Singapore	-	5,638	1,000	59	989	1,212	63	201	10,906	9,496	1,635	2,132	4,885	18,162	928	1,911
Republic of Korea	9,184	10,533	7,487	8,652	10,149	3,038	5,978	15,848	13,871	11,589	12,126	6,482	7,674	10,458	7,295	9,770
Hong Kong	8,103	3,980	4,625	2,686	16,858	13,276	29,438	342	16,790	227	671	184	1,270	2,163	2,112	2,156
China	549,426	567,890	436,349	390,043	420,351	392,317	372,401	415,219	359,939	279,528	331,496	354,321	410,537	349,825	341,195	271,618
Taiwan	7,962	10,784	10,499	10,380	6,282	2,088	23,015	63,734	9,179	4,956	5,240	2,738	5,818	235	2,872	2,726
Thailand	40,084	15,697	4,696	14,454	33,935	38,941	11,575	35,764	103,299	38,540	7,195	34,960	56,822	65,915	22,167	23,896
Indonesia	5,151	10,780	1,305	1,979	5,569	2,367	2,686	1,620	2	2,563	14,065	1,263	10,030	14,947	28,266	4,679
Malaysia	18,766	28,648	26,865	14,115	12,010	17,297	15,045	11,645	5,705	6,672	11,199	9,607	8,029	25,668	15,786	9,582
Philippines	14,353	23,752	25,850	31,945	34,789	18,397	37,442	18,885	32,606	35,037	63,217	84,338	36,915	20,176	102,463	70,484
Vietnam *	2,706	1,402	1,362	4,544	1,568	990	6,912	1,970	1,765	944	1,140	2,466	3,225	2,737	1,270	3,905
Other	3,727	2,988	4	-	1,631	12,216	55	833	15,059	-	14,426	20,212	5,068	9,242	24,608	213
EUROPE	119,125	117,779	122,909	97,613	171,073	131,353	101,050	74,213	109,929	148,611	89,763	114,707	139,437	96,496	160,340	96,756
United Kingdom	43,559	33,255	77,197	59,538	59,358	63,464	63,291	31,724	100,305	60,314	85,151	50,029	58,167	-	45,856	5,591
Germany	-	-	160	1	174	224	82	-	1	-	-	-	-	2,600	2	1
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	3,102	17,477	8,727	3,901	11,338	1,055	-	-	-	-	2,040	35,897	39,028	30,554	10,281	-
Italy	68,382	65,193	35,635	28,835	82,861	64,472	36,378	40,973	9,051	87,405	1,662	28,476	41,829	44,159	39,143	16,339
Belgium	-	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	-	1,743	-	3	6	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	18,652	64,391	73,843
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,082	-	1,191	5,335	17,337	2,137	1,296	1,512	567	893	910	305	414	531	666	981
AFRICA	-	-	-	-	1,774	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	175	6	191	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMERICA	24,786	12,132	41,104	7,536	19,340	28,824	17,417	3,161	738	17,895	862	77	1,014	856	798	1,285
USA	24,786	12,132	41,065	7,500	19,118	28,824	17,417	3,161	738	17,883	862	77	1,014	814	798	1,285
Other	-	-	38	37	222	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	42	-	-
Other Regions	257	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPORTS	855,174	959,179	799,813	763,624	925,973	862,969	925,664	857,194	911,188	767,892	808,388	942,500	933,506	846,108	812,089	524,000

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Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 4: Value of Imports to the Solomon Islands by Major Commodity Group: September Quarter 2010 to September Quarter 2019

Year/Qtr - ended	Total Imports	Major Commodity Group										
		0. Food & Live Animals		1. Beverages & Tobacco	2. Crude Materials - Inedible	3. Mineral Fuels & Lubricants	4. Oil & Fats from Animals &	5. Chemicals & related products	6. Manufactured goods by Material	7. Machinery & Transport -Equip	8. Manufactured Articles - Miscellaneous	9. Others not elsewhere
		Food	Total									
		Dollars SBD ('000s)										
Sep 2010	2,870,082	561,338	561,338	40,110	8,715	563,004	13,951	176,837	395,749	861,687	246,437	2,254
Sep 2011	3,797,617	625,752	625,752	59,304	16,010	907,302	21,593	328,314	510,618	973,066	354,356	1,302
Sep 2012	3,544,124	720,679	720,679	60,382	13,427	903,173	14,780	262,939	476,053	777,066	286,215	29,411
Sep 2013	3,785,666	782,801	782,801	58,744	11,432	951,925	18,448	269,148	484,959	901,152	304,403	2,654
Sep 2014	3,755,240	734,348	734,348	66,173	10,725	841,189	17,690	208,958	486,617	1,034,365	342,445	12,729
Sep 2015	3,750,432	807,098	807,098	130,633	19,744	708,762	21,263	182,694	496,694	1,044,553	303,297	35,694
Sep 2016	3,441,370	744,006	744,006	92,598	39,474	485,226	17,040	252,231	542,051	965,337	294,421	8,985
Sep 2017	4,044,947	784,159	784,159	175,486	41,763	691,384	33,931	220,334	623,359	1,167,209	302,776	4,546
Sep 2018	4,854,565	909,025	909,025	154,555	39,165	784,241	29,189	231,453	648,761	1,744,754	312,032	1,390
Sep 2019	4,830,165	970,868	970,868	82,966	43,089	962,509	31,391	248,240	634,703	1,411,727	444,440	233
Change from previous year (%)	-0.5	6.8	6.8	-46.3	10.0	22.7	7.5	7.3	-2.2	-19.1	42.4	-83
Quarter ended												
Dec 2009	693,131	165,903	165,903	10,013	1,602	163,609	3,305	42,925	85,233	178,888	41,314	337
Mar 2010	583,202	112,403	112,403	9,377	1,684	108,892	4,040	38,556	66,427	186,582	54,871	370
Jun 2010	818,285	134,785	134,785	9,350	2,146	148,115	2,782	40,842	112,496	301,491	65,544	734
Sep 2010	775,464	148,247	148,247	11,370	3,283	142,387	3,823	54,514	131,593	194,726	84,708	812
Dec 2010	1,035,483	216,661	216,661	10,596	2,838	174,211	5,598	49,899	112,445	375,916	86,869	452
Mar 2011	925,574	98,422	98,422	19,855	4,066	261,058	3,666	89,245	129,345	199,640	120,078	199
Jun 2011	917,318	125,521	125,521	11,155	4,559	277,887	5,171	103,375	126,121	181,528	81,765	237
Sep 2011	919,242	185,149	185,149	17,698	4,548	194,146	7,159	85,795	142,707	215,982	65,645	414
Dec 2011	853,171	219,717	219,717	13,019	2,772	155,540	5,515	54,486	134,282	187,829	79,699	311
Mar 2012	887,602	140,161	140,161	17,449	2,732	277,322	2,702	64,270	112,673	200,918	68,668	707
Jun 2012	867,181	154,345	154,345	18,601	2,139	236,484	2,061	49,702	118,192	184,693	73,226	27,739
Sep 2012	936,170	206,456	206,456	11,313	5,783	233,827	4,502	94,481	110,906	203,626	64,622	655
Dec 2012	965,502	194,709	194,709	18,609	1,761	230,108	6,314	60,163	135,313	229,843	88,381	302
Mar 2013	926,592	195,210	195,210	12,832	2,025	240,302	5,702	69,025	104,092	231,671	64,743	990
Jun 2013	913,059	197,922	197,922	17,698	3,886	194,048	2,807	74,479	126,484	210,708	83,899	1,128
Sep 2013	980,513	194,959	194,959	9,606	3,761	287,468	3,625	65,481	119,070	228,930	67,380	234
Dec 2013	1,102,229	185,950	185,950	21,243	2,134	229,127	6,337	57,979	138,356	335,348	119,878	5,878
Mar 2014 r	857,414	195,476	195,476	15,129	3,852	224,774	2,833	49,934	105,847	200,383	58,751	435
Jun 2014	830,590	148,706	148,706	13,780	3,005	190,611	4,391	48,006	115,206	219,148	87,141	595
Sep 2014	965,008	204,216	204,216	16,021	1,735	196,677	4,129	53,039	127,208	279,487	76,675	5,822
Dec 2014	1,030,758	245,388	245,388	14,664	3,535	259,223	5,827	53,258	131,754	231,618	85,081	409
Mar 2015	902,635	171,955	171,955	17,264	5,687	144,644	7,326	50,795	122,271	295,678	86,013	1,002
Jun 2015	842,538	172,702	172,702	18,509	1,390	221,654	3,282	34,115	113,910	222,453	46,321	8,203
Sep 2015	974,501	217,052	217,052	80,197	9,132	83,242	4,828	44,526	128,760	294,803	85,882	26,080
Dec 2015	880,773	197,437	197,437	17,810	10,250	132,025	4,411	54,233	143,375	227,971	92,387	873
Mar 2016	733,267	111,242	111,242	35,632	7,126	106,649	2,272	81,972	103,803	226,717	53,929	3,926
Jun 2016	919,649	222,127	222,127	18,914	8,290	126,485	3,805	58,297	150,036	251,336	76,551	3,808
Sep 2016	907,681	213,201	213,201	20,242	13,808	120,067	6,552	57,729	144,837	259,313	71,554	378
Dec 2016	1,050,887	210,176	210,176	16,990	11,711	222,665	8,510	51,068	161,244	290,040	73,937	4,546
Mar 2017	838,815	111,947	111,947	36,781	9,323	164,900	5,242	45,988	141,008	260,290	63,337	-
Jun 2017	1,039,916	218,617	218,617	47,708	11,699	135,657	8,993	62,274	159,990	299,914	95,064	-
Sep 2017	1,115,329	243,420	243,420	74,008	9,030	168,162	11,186	61,004	161,117	316,965	70,438	-
Dec 2017	1,508,047	253,038	253,038	85,271	10,430	160,597	8,450	53,964	145,481	707,246	83,541	29
Mar 2018	1,075,793	213,264	213,264	22,846	5,596	222,599	4,840	55,704	151,821	327,120	71,303	701
Jun 2018	1,046,953	218,270	218,270	24,308	13,190	155,943	8,663	58,937	172,259	319,802	74,921	660
Sep 2018	1,223,771	224,453	224,453	22,130	9,949	245,102	7,236	62,848	179,200	390,586	82,267	-
Dec 2018	1,431,802	285,813	285,813	19,466	12,802	181,430	8,076	63,659	163,246	621,669	75,642	-
Mar 2019	1,030,596	188,227	188,227	24,437	9,849	248,357	7,521	53,260	133,855	238,468	126,622	0
Jun 2019	1,231,257	251,275	251,275	24,066	10,353	275,636	7,700	71,431	190,237	315,715	84,844	-
Sep 2019	1,136,511	245,553	245,553	14,997	10,084	257,087	8,093	59,889	147,365	235,876	157,332	233
Change from previous Qtr (%)	-7.7	-2.3	-2.3	-37.7	-2.6	-6.7	5.1	-16.2	-22.5	-25.3	85.4	-

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Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 6: Value of Exports from the Solomon Islands by Major Commodity Group: March Quarter 2010 to September Quarter 2019

Year/Quarter - ended	Total Exports	Total Exports										
		0. Food & Live Animals		1. Beverages & Tobacco	2. Crude Materials - Inedible	3. Mineral Fuels & Lubricant	4. Oil & Fats from Animals & Vegetables	5. Chemicals & related products	6. Manufactured goods by Material	7. Machinery & Transport -Equipmt	8. Manuf articles- Miscel	9. Others not elsewhere classified
		Food	Total									
Dollars SBD ('000s)												
Sep 2010	1,557,588	306,594	306,594	1,074	890,121	39	236,471	1,068	50,693	37,989	3,607	29,931
Sep 2011	2,735,467	435,099	435,099	1,622	1,605,403	118	302,511	1,714	62,222	20,878	3,749	302,151
Sep 2012	3,452,286	475,542	475,542	2,130	1,653,894	146	342,234	2,786	96,236	42,080	2,078	835,161
Sep 2013	3,557,015	556,355	556,355	4,917	1,770,755	263	278,905	298	84,274	27,654	17,347	816,247
Sep 2014	3,448,589	562,951	562,951	4,147	1,955,797	28	290,198	2,960	85,290	69,589	2,647	474,982
Sep 2015	2,966,185	529,519	529,519	1,509	2,066,884	58	260,215	1,028	51,000	30,196	5,653	20,121
Sep 2016	3,536,513	420,518	420,518	6,515	2,670,028	377	252,771	396	85,664	75,500	5,541	19,203
Sep 2017	3,759,989	450,297	450,297	7,028	2,779,046	-	356,787	400	27,625	26,048	3,852	108,905
Sep 2018	4,571,726	626,021	626,021	4,082	3,525,311	-	254,379	1,091	53,317	10,253	2,486	94,786
Sep 2019	4,135,059	569,551	569,551	4,212	3,088,271	1,197	239,636	1,145	173,238	32,465	10,088	15,256
Change from previous year (%)	-9.6	-9.0	-9.0	3.2	-12.4	-	-5.8	5.0	224.9	216.6	305.8	-83.9
Dec 2009	357,082	73,061	73,061	0.3	207,694	1	55,785	452	10,896	167	799	8,227
Mar 2010	354,108	74,523	74,523	534	181,529	0.1	56,616	553	11,680	19,617	838	8,216
Jun 2010	420,811	85,763	85,763	349	238,557	38	61,582	54	13,907	12,619	806	7,135
Sep 2010	425,588	73,247	73,247	191	262,340	1	62,487	9	14,211	5,585	1,164	6,353
Dec 2010	553,270	92,573	92,573	184	366,696	1	67,127	8	9,428	11,321	1,121	4,811
Mar 2011	529,256	58,267	58,267	421	364,166	0	74,171	0	19,743	6,007	1,366	5,114
Jun 2011	812,394	114,839	114,839	593	476,666	-	111,336	1,147	19,964	303	54	87,492
Sep 2011	846,108	169,421	169,421	424	397,875	117	49,876	558	13,087	3,247	1,209	210,294
Dec 2011	933,506	132,030	132,030	270	444,581	48	106,330	148	24,038	11,339	1,110	213,611
Mar 2012	942,500	102,842	102,842	879	458,850	98	83,161	1,080	21,930	16,289	30	257,342
Jun 2012	808,388	37,601	37,601	620	420,808	-	90,175	1,558	33,158	14,452	938	209,078
Sep 2012	767,892	203,069	203,069	360	329,655	-	62,567	-	17,110	-	-	155,130
Dec 2012	911,188	158,946	158,946	1,473	420,153	-	102,998	-	20,414	174	318	206,712
Mar 2013 r	857,194	102,016	102,016	1,220	495,833	135	35,185	245	24,349	16,026	10,904	171,280
Jun 2013 r	925,664	118,560	118,560	1,466	428,941	0	69,589	-	22,800	5,982	3,043	275,283
Sep 2013 r	862,969	176,833	176,833	757	425,828	127	71,132	52	16,711	5,473	3,082	162,973
Dec 2013 r	925,973	178,933	178,933	953	479,886	3	68,116	401	24,003	2,335	7	171,338
Mar 2014	763,624	85,123	85,123	723	421,672	2	76,824	30	25,020	4,206	223	149,801
Jun 2014	799,813	135,534	135,534	1,413	450,061	4	101,657	2,367	16,015	5,115	411	87,236
Sep 2014	959,179	163,361	163,361	1,057	604,178	19	43,602	163	20,252	57,933	2,007	66,607
Dec 2014	855,174	190,453	190,453	664	578,577	0.1	50,231	760	11,124	18,248	84	5,034
Mar 2015	744,660	120,777	120,777	467	536,450	14	67,532	2	11,257	997	971	6,192
Jun 2015	686,322	122,270	122,270	323	457,355	1	77,517	4	21,238	1,201	2,755	3,659
Sep 2015	680,029	96,019	96,019	56	494,502	43	64,935	262	7,382	9,751	1,843	5,237
Dec 2015	1,065,058	99,098	99,098	951	833,190	0.1	60,957	191	29,650	35,440	862	4,720
Mar 2016	769,679	65,316	65,316	419	618,659	376	47,173	84	15,329	16,021	1,423	4,879
Jun 2016	973,265	146,766	146,766	2,383	670,548	2	102,955	84	23,299	21,795	576	4,858
Sep 2016	728,510	109,337	109,337	2,763	547,632	-	41,687	37	17,386	2,243	2,680	4,746
Dec 2016	999,014	114,365	114,365	3,441	750,999	-	107,721	117	13,379	4,471	951	3,569
Mar 2017	896,340	98,711	98,711	706	697,338	-	77,084	236	1,714	11,840	947	7,764
Jun 2017	869,448	112,520	112,520	1,570	597,301	-	100,500	39	4,175	8,877	1,488	42,978
Sep 2017	995,188	124,701	124,701	1,311	733,408	-	71,481	8	8,358	860	466	54,595
Dec 2017	1,173,803	162,973	162,973	787	867,971	-	63,395	179	2,852	2,170	118	73,359
Mar 2018	1,218,554	140,221	140,221	877	1,003,976	-	60,335	454	3,909	383	481	7,918
Jun 2018	1,083,943	161,178	161,178	1,879	834,127	-	68,053	83	6,656	6,487	832	4,648
Sep 2018	1,095,425	161,649	161,649	539	819,237	-	62,596	375	39,900	1,213	1,055	8,861
Dec 2018	1,133,572	132,557	132,557	1,637	880,270	-	67,707	46	42,499	3,148	1,657	4,053
Mar 2019	1,106,326	130,892	130,892	662	855,921	52	56,351	47	54,618	6,210	673	901
Jun 2019	1,010,111	169,524	169,524	999	732,762	50	55,255	273	39,516	8,221	1,540	1,971
Sep 2019	885,049	136,578	136,578	914	619,318	1,095	60,323	779	36,604	14,887	6,219	8,331
Change from previous Qtr (%)	-12.4	-19.4	-19.4	-8.5	-15.5	2098.2	9.2	185.5	-7.4	81.1	303.9	322.7

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Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 7: Value of Selected Commodities Exported from the Solomon Islands: March Quarter 2011 to September Quarter 2019

Selected Commodities	Change from previous period/r (%)	Year and Quarter																		
		2019			2018			2017				2016				2015				
		Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar			
Dollars SBD ('000s)																				
HS Code Commodity																				
Total Timber	-19%	595,219	733,049	832,552	819,923	767,982	780,667	938,729	787,886	675,931	546,447	565,611	680,060	490,561	612,068	562,800	807,905	467,931	443,298	516,944
4403 - 4404 Timber Logs	-21%	568,033	717,042	821,665	807,133	749,729	765,528	920,809	776,794	663,971	535,618	558,876	671,414	476,346	598,796	551,986	796,043	453,072	433,476	508,028
4407 - 4408 Timber Sawn	70%	27,186	16,007	10,888	12,791	18,253	15,139	17,919	11,091	11,960	10,829	6,734	8,646	14,215	13,272	10,813	11,862	14,859	9,822	8,916
Total Fish	-20%	114,094	142,618	112,541	110,870	132,955	127,399	146,067	133,274	117,106	82,229	88,665	155,967	132,715	141,201	93,985	129,162	76,523	95,316	127,235
0302-0303 Fish - Fresh/Frozen/Dried	-52%	20,433	42,515	29,100	22,152	3,284	28,275	69,686	22,374	5,270	254	26,954	84,148	63,959	90,897	52,557	55,863	18,321	34,920	61,209
16041410 Fish Canned	-1%	9,061	9,125	6,172	6,350	15,368	12,418	6,695	12,401	9,553	6,643	6,407	5,722	6,240	8,739	2,334	9,199	6,839	6,292	4,635
16041490 Fish Smoked - Tuna Loins	-7%	84,600	90,978	77,269	82,367	114,302	86,707	69,686	98,499	102,283	75,332	55,305	66,097	62,516	41,566	39,094	64,100	51,363	54,104	61,391
Total Agricultural Products	12%	81,180	72,533	61,892	87,981	90,241	106,516	90,282	107,364	95,592	134,551	113,902	154,226	97,401	161,067	73,103	91,314	106,971	135,204	90,398
1203 Copra	-31%	2,489	3,586	-	6,518	9,998	10,972	24,765	34,224	23,378	18,881	33,097	30,120	21,145	17,404	19,617	22,994	14,807	17,130	18,732
15111000 Palm Oil	10%	44,399	40,434	43,202	47,291	41,208	48,591	44,656	40,761	43,661	70,922	52,476	77,280	21,642	73,855	31,860	11,114	46,841	61,194	49,447
15132100 Palm Kernel Oil/Meal	53%	9,935	6,475	4,928	8,675	6,999	7,431	2,825	8,478	8,206	12,163	10,882	14,758	4,889	15,818	5,577	37,008	6,392	10,304	8,361
18010000 Cocoa	28%	18,829	14,747	6,173	15,030	19,786	28,813	5,182	10,390	1,641	17,127	5,619	18,263	34,569	41,068	6,313	7,540	27,781	42,605	12,146
15131100 Coconut Oil	-24%	5,529	7,292	7,589	10,467	12,250	10,709	12,853	13,511	18,707	15,459	11,828	13,806	15,156	12,923	9,735	12,658	11,150	3,971	1,712
Other Selected Commodities	251%	9,793	2,791	1,194	5,321	8,524	5,816	8,542.78	4,438	9,611	6,029	8,296	4,662	5,430	5,907	5,198	17,528	16,551	7,766	8,104
0508 Marine Shells & Coral	-3%	626	642	91	1,089	384	981	270	411	512	796	169	946	541	867	254	12,658	11,150	3,971	1,712
7108 Gold	323%	8,331	1,971	901	4,053	8,011	4,648	7,918	3,792	8,942	5,101	7,764	3,569	4,746	4,858	4,767	4,716	5,221	3,647	6,187
7602 Scrap Metal	370%	836	178	201	180	130	187	354	235	156	132	364	147	142	182	178	154	180	148	205
Other Domestic Exports	43%	84,761	59,114	98,138	109,451	95,588	55,400	33,712	140,226	96,558	99,995	119,647	3,579	1,765	44,513	21,048	-	-	-	-
RE-EXPORTS	-64%	2	6	10	26	135	8,145	1,223	617	389	197	219	520	639	8,510	13,547	19,149	12,053	4,738	1,979
TOTAL EXPORTS	-12%	885,049	1,010,111	1,106,326	1,133,572	1,095,425	1,083,943	1,218,554	1,173,803	995,188	869,448	896,340	999,014	728,510	973,265	769,679	1,065,058	680,029	686,322	744,660

- Nil or rounded to zero

Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

Table 7 (Cont.): Value of Selected Commodities Exported from the Solomon Islands: March Quarter 2011 to September Quarter 2019

Selected Commodities	Year and Quarter															
	2014				2013/r				2012				2011			
	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar
Dollars SBD ('000s)																
HS Code Commodities																
Total Timber	566,300	592,240	434,333	417,791	488,267	427,434	428,525	509,339	419,341	309,712	384,308	395,433	439,586	388,878	403,895	320,261
4403 Timber Logs	557,218	575,748	420,904	398,956	465,387	411,844	406,561	486,466	402,912	294,246	360,363	378,483	415,822	376,137	387,344	301,782
4407 Timber Sawn	9,081	16,492	13,430	18,834	22,879	15,590	21,964	22,872	16,429	15,466	23,945	16,950	23,764	12,741	16,551	18,480
Total Fish	191,601	150,507	127,565	85,483	178,963	167,582	115,460	113,264	123,047	185,674	8,408	84,620	100,921	122,363	68,957	39,684
0302-3 Frozen Fish	84,808	50,244	36,091	41,163	59,278	70,171	60,173	56,918	106,622	37,795	6,215	34,960	54,434	65,917	16,753	15,638
1604 Fish Canned	7,777	6,097	7,729	7,245	9,267	4,972	2,782	3,840	7,375	43,237	531	7,000	4,657	12,287	2,846	2,451
3054000 Fish Smoked - Loins	99,016	94,167	83,746	37,075	110,418	92,440	52,506	52,506	9,051	104,642	1,662	42,660	41,829	44,159	49,358	21,596
Total Agricultural Products	70,465	87,067	140,493	102,796	85,004	100,261	104,109	52,411	130,508	104,640	168,910	159,992	133,927	110,704	239,757	148,091
1203 Copra	12,416	16,349	24,894	19,614	10,245	8,805	17,531	5,700	12,099	29,982	56,395	74,417	21,228	17,099	85,947	60,084
15111000 Palm Oil	29,716	28,719	73,167	55,861	50,777	57,422	57,095	27,342	93,092	51,616	69,743	62,263	76,800	30,554	94,479	63,543
12071000 Palm Kernel	6,355	4,175	11,674	6,997	8,486	6,031	6,069	4,332	7,214	8,698	14,928	9,956	14,063	18,652	15,769	10,301
18010000 Cocoa	20,651	33,956	25,533	15,058	13,184	23,917	17,799	12,281	15,714	12,090	25,962	11,745	20,981	43,729	43,019	13,876
15131000 Coconut Oil	1,327	3,869	5,225	5,266	2,312	4,085	5,615	2,757	2,390	2,254	1,882	1,611	854	670	544	288
Other Domestic Exports	8,274	67,669	90,136	152,661	172,635	165,229	277,242	172,438	207,597	155,635	209,791	258,259	216,281	6,131	88,057	5,465
5080011 Marine Shells	1,906	361	2,264	2,077	338	929	975	-	692	380	460	720	2,404	600	490	240
71081000 Gold	5,749	66,607	87,236	149,801	171,088	162,973	275,283	171,280	206,712	155,130	209,078	257,342	213,611	5,329	87,492	5,114
7206 Scrap of iron & steel	619	701	636	783	1,210	1,327	985	1,158	193	125	254	197	267	202	74	111
Other Domestic Exports n.e.c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,180	5,887	13,822	23,495	29,980	213,316	7,689	964
RE-EXPORTS	18,534	61,695	7,286	4,894	1,104	2,463	327	9,741	5,515.08	6,343.13	23,148.96	20,701.17	12,812	4,716	3,734	9,534
TOTAL EXPORTS	855,174	959,179	799,813	763,625	925,973	862,969	925,664	857,193	911,188	767,892	808,388	942,500	933,506	846,108	812,089	524,000

- Nil or rounded to zero

(a) Re-Exports refers to items that are shipped into the Solomon Islands but are exported straight away and not sold in country

Source: Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office

About the Bulletin

This publication is a statistical report of the country's international merchandise trade statistics released periodically every quarter. The bulletin follows the United Nations definitions and compilation practice of international merchandise trade statistics with closer harmonization with regional compilation standards.

Concepts and Definitions

Imports

Merchandise imports (cif) are goods bought by Solomon Islands residents and institutions from overseas. These goods are imported into Solomon Islands from other countries. The valuation of imports include the cost of insurance and freight (cif).

Exports

Merchandise exports (fob) are goods bought by residents and institutions that reside overseas. These goods are exported from the Solomon Islands as the place of origin to another country. The valuation of exports excludes the cost of insurance and freight (cif) and is valued free on board (fob).

Merchandise trade

Refers to all exports and imports of goods entering and departing the economic territory of the Solomon Islands that have an impact on the country's national stock of material resources as a result of trade. This excludes trade in service transactions classified as non-merchandise trade. See data quality section for more details.

Trade balance

Trade balance is the difference between exports (fob) and imports (cif) or calculated by deducting exports (fob) from imports (cif).

Re-Exports

This refers to merchandise exports that were previously imported or in-transit in the Solomon Islands and have an insignificant value or its contents have below half its value.

Trade Deficit (-)/Trade Surplus (+)

A trade deficit is when the value of imports is greater than the value of exports. The opposite is referred to as a trade surplus.

Country of Origin

The country where the goods originated or was manufactured from.

Country of Destination

The country where exported goods reach its final destination.

Value

All imports and exports are expressed in monetary value in the Solomon Islands Dollar (\$SBD).

Symbols used

r : revised, p : preliminary, e : estimated, na : not available, -- : no items in this category, — : nil or rounded to zero

Upcoming Releases

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Changes to Current Bulletin

Changes were made regarding the percentage change of current quarter to same quarter of previous year to now reflect the percent change of current quarter to previous quarter, as with yearly change. This is due to ongoing revisions and user demands. The user has flexibility to still compute percentage changes as previously stated from the data provided.

Data Quality Statement: International Merchandise Trade Statistics

Data Source:	<p>Primary source: Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division (SICED)</p> <p>Secondary source: Commodity Export Marketing Authority (CEMA); Importer and Exporters (selected firms); Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) Balance of Payments.</p>
Institutional Environment:	<p>Data Collector(s): The Solomon Islands National Statistics Office (SINSO) Trade Unit collects imports and exports data captured by the SICED of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury (MOFT) through its data system prior to the third quarter of 2015 and subsequently through the current ASYCUDA system. The SICED data are compiled from customs declarations submitted by residents and institutions, many of which are business companies, who are regarded as importers and exporters. The SINSO also collects information independently on exports and imports from selected companies, the CEMA and CBSI balance of payments data.</p> <p>Collection authority: The data is collected under the Statistics Act 1970 (and 2007 Amendments) and a Memorandum of Understanding between the SINSO and the SICED.</p> <p>Data Compiler(s): The SINSO is the Official Compiler of the International Merchandise Trade (MIT) Statistics.</p> <p>Compilation Methodology: The compilation follows the UN's definitions, coding and classification practice of merchandise trade statistics in line with the UN's Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).</p> <p>Standard Classifications: SINSO applies the UN's SITC versions 3 prior to 2012 and subsequently version 4 to date. Other classification references include UN's Broad Economic Categories (BEC) and the Pacific Community's Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (2012, 2017). The raw data from SICED is coded and classified following the World Customs Harmonized System (HS) for tariffs and trade statistics and thus the SINSO links the HS formatted data to the SITC/BEC classification but uses the SITC to publish the statistics.</p> <p>Additional information: Statistical confidentiality is guaranteed under the Statistics Act 1970 (and 2007 Amendments).</p>
Relevance:	<p>Data topic: The main data items captured from the declarations made by importers and exporters include: commodity code and description, quantity, value, country (origin, final destination, and consignment), contract details of individual importer/exporter, domestic destination for imports, place of origin for exports, port of clearance, and mode of transportation.</p> <p>Level of geography: The data is available by main ports of Honiara and selected provincial ports.</p> <p>Key Data Items: The key data items currently compiled and published include international trade balance, value of trade by year and quarter, value of imports by country of origin, value of exports by final destination and value of imports and exports by commodity group. The unit record data is available at 8-digit level of classification. The published data is presented up to 4-digit aggregation levels with only selected goods presented at 8-digit level.</p> <p>Data Limitations: Major limitations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data prior to 2015 from SICED was often in unedited format and validated only at the aggregate level. Statistics on the volume of trade cannot be compiled adequately given the poor quality of the volume data. • Data from SICED represents mainly trade through the Honiara port and to a lesser extent data from other outer island ports.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data from 1998-2000 and the first two quarters of 2009 are unavailable or incomplete for the purpose of a time series covering these periods. • Data on illegal trading, which may include significant quantities, is not captured. • A number of other secondary data sources are used to adjust for discrepancies in the data from SICED. • Data from third quarter 2015 and onward are extracted from the newly introduced ASYCUDA system which is now adopted by the SICED. • Data on major commodities such as fish, copra, cocoa, palm oil, rice, fuel and tobacco are sourced from the industries/major firms.
<p>Timeliness:</p>	<p>Additional information: The purpose for collecting the data is to assist decision making and understanding of the economic behavior of merchandise trade in the country. Currently the analysis provided does not cover all components required by the United Nations standard (such as mode of transport etc.) but this will be expanded over time.</p> <p>Data collected: Data is collected monthly.</p> <p>Data available: Data and published results are expected to be available two months after the relevant quarter. However, delays often occur due mainly to delays in receiving information and data quality checks.</p> <p>Reference Period: The data is collected over one quarter (3 months) and published on a quarterly frequency.</p> <p>Timing of Recording: The timing for exports is recorded on the date when the goods are cleared from SICED. Imports are recorded on the date when the goods are released from SICED.</p> <p>Additional information: Revisions are sometimes made to the statistics after its release if incorrect information is received and/or other related data quality checks are applied.</p>
<p>Accuracy:</p>	<p>Method of Collection: The SINSO collects data from the SICED directly through a flash drive backup prior to mid-2015, and subsequently through the ASYCUDA data system. In addition, the SINSO requests large firms to provide their records on imports or exports for three months. Importers and exporters provide their import and export data through the customs declarations including through the recent electronic self-assessment document (eSAD) forms when they import and export goods.</p> <p>Data Adjustments: Data is checked for quality by SICED, and by the SINSO. Adjustments to data are made where necessary, especially when dealing with data gaps or reconciling inconsistencies following standard statistical techniques. Duplicate entries are often removed, whilst noting that small discrepancies between totals and sums of commodities in tables are due to rounding.</p> <p>Additional information: Following UN recommendations, goods relating to personal effects of travelers, temporary imports and exports, goods in transit, goods on lease for less than a year, and goods consigned to diplomats/diplomatic status are excluded from merchandise trade statistics compilation. Fishing data from the high seas are often unaccounted for in the data collected. Data on trade in service transactions are excluded including goods for repairs in imports. Data on illegal trading of goods, which may include significant quantities is not captured. Processing errors are minimized by using software to detect and remove duplicates. If the SINSO identifies errors in published statistics, SICED are contacted to help resolve the error and a revised figure is published in the next issue of the statistical bulletin.</p>

Coherence:	<p>There is consistent time series data although data from 1998-2000 and the first two quarters of 2009 are unavailable or incomplete and are estimated. Prior to the third quarter of 2015, data was collected from SICED who were using their own processing system until the introduction of the ASYCUDA system.</p> <p>Additional information: There is no data available for 1998 to 2000 due to the period of civil unrest in the country ('Tensions').</p>
Interpretability:	<p>Other Supporting information: The concepts and definitions stated earlier in the section 'About the Bulletin' should assist readers understand and interpret the statistics. In addition, the UN's international merchandise trade statistics classifications are available to help users better understand and interpret the data. The following standard and related classifications are also available to aid understanding:</p> <p>The Standard International Trade Classification V4: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesM/SeriesM_34rev4E.pdf UN's Broad Economic Categories Classification v4: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/pubs/gesgrid.asp?id=331 The Pacific Community's Tariff Classification (2012, 2017)</p> <p>The percentage (%) change applied from year over previous year, or quarter over previous quarter, refers to the extent to which the value of imports or exports gains or loses value over the given period. It is calculated as the value of the current period less the value of the previous period, divided by the value of the previous period and multiplied by 100 (%). For example, taking the 4th quarter (December) 2016 and 2017 export figures ('000), we calculate percentage change (December quarter over same period a year ago) as: $(\\$117,3803 - \\$99,9014) / \\$99,014 \times 100 = 7.5\%$. This implies that the value of exports has increased by 7.5% (\$174,790) from December 2016 to December 2017 period. One can apply similar calculations depending on the period of choice, for example, year over year etc.</p> <p>Additional information: Users are encouraged to firstly read the title of the tables to understand the content of the tabular presentation of the statistics. Table: 1 refer to both imports and exports while Tables: 2 (a, b), 4 and 5 refer to imports, and Tables: 3(a, b), 6 and 7 refers to exports.</p>
Accessibility:	<p>Unpublished data can be requested. Users can request data that has not been published by sending an email or contacting the Government Statistician. There is no charge associated with data requests.</p> <p>Contact details: STATS-management@mof.gov.sb; STATS-economics@mof.gov.sb</p> <p>Additional information: The data are available in spreadsheets which can be downloaded from the Solomon Islands' National Statistics Office website: www.statistics.gov.sb. Unit record information is not published to maintain confidentiality.</p>

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