

# GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA



## STATISTICS DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE (11<sup>th</sup> of May 2021)

### Highlights from Foreign Trade Statistics, Quarterly (December 2020)

1. Foreign Trade Statistics for the Fourth Quarter of 2020 recorded a Trade Deficit of T\$ 150.5 million. The deficit was the result of an excess Imports T\$162.7 million over Export (including Re-exports) T\$12.2 million for the period of October to December 2020.
2. When compared with the Trade Deficit of T\$ 123.9 million from the Third Quarter 2020, we find an increased with T\$26.5 million (21.4 %)

### 3. Major Commodity Classification

- 3.1 Largest in Imports by Harmonized groups was the *Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof* T\$ 36.1 million (22.2 %), second was the *Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco* T\$ 23.5 million (14.5 %) and the third was *Mineral products* with T\$21.4 million (13.2 %). Next group was the *Live animals: animal products* T\$17.6 million (10.9). The remaining T\$ 63.8 million (30.7 %) was shared by other groups.
- 3.2 Exports by Harmonized commodity groups reported the *Vegetable products* as the highest group with T\$ 6.7 million (57.6 %) next was the *Live animals: animal products* with T\$4.06 million (34.4 %) followed by the *Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco* T\$ 0.3 million (3.2 %). The remaining T\$0.56 million (4.7 %) was shared by rest of the Harmonized commodity groups.

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### 4. Principal Items of Trade;

4.1 The Principal domestic Exports for this Quarter was **KAVA** which accounted for 31.2 % of total domestic exports, followed by **FISH at** 11.3 % and **ROOT CROPS** with 10.3 %. Together they comprise 52.8 % of domestic exports.

### 5. Direction of Trade;

5.1 Imports for Quarter December 2020 were mainly from **New Zealand** with T\$49.2 million (30.3%), **Singapore** with T\$ 18.3 million (11.2 %), **China** were T\$14.5 million (8.9 %) and **U.S.A** were T\$13.05 million (8 %), **Australia** with T\$12.1 million (7.5 %) and T\$55.3 million (34 %) shared amongst other countries.

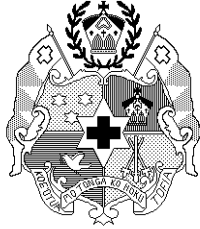
5.2 Exports were mainly to **New Zealand** with T\$ 4.7 million (38.9 %), **Hong Kong** with T\$1.8 million (15.2 %), **U.S.A** with T\$1.6 million (13.5 %), **Korea** with T\$0.9 million (7.9 %) and T\$ 2.9 million (24.4 %) were shared amongst other countries

6. The Statistics presented have been compiled from Import, Export and Re-export entries submitted by Importers and Exporters or their authorized agents to the Customs Division as required by the Customs Act and Regulations.

7. Detailed information concerning this release is available at the **STATISTICS DEPARTMENT**, Tonga, TMF Building, Taufa'ahau Road, Nuku'alofa, or visit our web site [www.stats.gov.to/](http://www.stats.gov.to/).

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## POTUNGAUE SITETISITIKA ONGOONGO (‘Aho 11 ‘o ME 2021)

**Ko e ngaahi fika ke fakatokanga’i mei he Lipooti ‘o e Fefakatau’aki ‘a Tonga mo Tu’apule’anga, Kuata Tisema 2020 ‘a e Potungaue Sitetisitika.**

1. Ko e Fefakatau’aki ‘a Tonga mo Tu’apule’anga ki he Kuata ko Tisema 2020, na’e lekooti ai ha fe’amokaki fe’unga mo e T\$150.5 miliona. Ko e fe’amokaki ni ‘oku tupu ia mei he ma’olunga ange ‘a e koloa humai, fe’unga mo e T\$162.7 miliona ‘i he koloa huatu (Fakataha’i mo e koloa Humai pea toe Huatu) ‘a ia ko e T\$12.2 miliona ‘i he Kuata Tisema 2020.
2. ‘I hono fakafehoanaki mo e fe’amokaki ‘o e Kuata kuohili (Kuata Tisema 2020) ‘a ia na’e T\$123.9 miliona, ‘oku ha mai ‘a e Hiki ‘a e fe’amokaki ‘aki ‘a e T\$26.5 miliona ‘a ia ko e peseti ‘e 21.4.
3. **Tefito’i Kulupu Fefakatau’aki;**
  - 3.1 Ko e Kulupu ne lahi taha hono Humai ko e *Misini mo e Naunau Mekēnika* ‘a ia na’e T\$36.1 miliona (22.2 %), hoko hake ko e Koloa *Me’atokoni ‘osi teuteu’I* ‘a ia na’e fe’unga moe T\$ 23.5 miliona (14.5%), *Koloa fakanatula (lolo)* na’e fe’unga ia moe 21.4 miliona (13.2 %), hoko hake ‘a e Koloa *Monumanu Mo’ui mo e Ngaahi Koloa ngaohi mei he me’a mo’ui kau ai ‘a e ika* T\$17.6 miliona (10.9 %). Ko e toenga leva ‘o e Koloa na’e fe’unga mo e T\$63.8 miliona (30.7 %) ‘a ia ne vahevahe ia he toenga ‘o e ngaahi Kulupu kehe.
  - 3.2 ‘I he Koloa Huatu ko e kulupu ne ma’olunga taha hono lekooti ko e *Vesitapolo* ‘a ia ne fe’unga mo e T\$6.7 miliona (57.6%), ne hoko hake leva ‘a e Kulupu ki he *Monumanu Mo’ui mo e Ngaahi Koloa ngaohi mei he me’a mo’ui kau ai ‘a e ika* ‘a ia ne T\$4.06 miliona (34.4 %), hoko hake ki ai e ngaahi **Koloa Meatokoni, Kavamalohi & Tapaka** ‘a ia na’e fe’unga mo e T\$ 0.3 miliona (3.2 %). Ko e 0.56 miliona (4.7 %) ne vahevahe ia he toenga ‘o e ngaahi Kulupu kehe.

#### 4. Tefito'i Koloa 'o e Fefakatau'aki.

Ko e koloa ne lahi taha hono huatu 'i he Kuata Tisema 2020 ko e **Kava** ne fe'unga mo e peseti 'e 31.2 %, hoko hake ki ai ko e **Ika** ne fe'unga ia mo e peseti 'e 11.3 %, pea hoko hake **Ngoue Foha** ne fe'unga mo e 10.3 % peseti. Katoa e ngaahi koloa ne lahi taha hono huatu ki tu'apule'anga na'e fe'unga mo e peseti 'e 52.8

#### 5. Tefito'i Hoa Fefakatau'aki

5.1 Ko e Koloa Humai ki he Kuata ko Tisema 2020 ne lahi taha hono humai mei **Nu'usila** 'a ia ko e T\$49.2 milliona (30.3 %), **Singapoa** ko e T\$18.3 miliona (11.2 %), **Siaina** ko e T\$ 14.5 miliona (8.9 %), **Amelika** ko e T\$13.05 miliona (8 %), **Aositelelia** ko e T\$12.1 miliona (7.5 %), pea ko e T\$55.3 milliona (34 %) ne vahevahe ia he toenga 'o e ngaahi Fonua kehe.

5.2 'I he Koloa Huatu ne lahi taha pe e koloa ne huatu ki **Nu'usila** 'a ia ko e T\$4.7 miliona (38.9 %), **Hong Kong** ko e T\$1.8 miliona (15.2 %), **Amelika** ko e T\$1.6 miliona (13.5 %), **Kolea** ko e T\$0.9 miliona (7.9 %), pea ko e T\$2.9 miliona (24.4 %) ne vahevahe he toenga 'o e ngaahi fonua kehe.

6. Ko e ngaahi Fika Sitetisitika ko 'eni na'e tanaki ia mei he Lekooti 'o e Ngaahi Koloa Humai mo Huatu kotoa pe, 'a ia 'oku tanaki 'e he va'a Kasitomu 'o fakatatau ki he Lao 'o e Kasitomu.

7. Fakaikiiki fekau'aki mo e fakamatala ni 'e malava ke ke ma'u ia mei he Potungae Sitetisitika, Tonga, TMF Building, Hala Taufahau, Nuku'alofa.

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