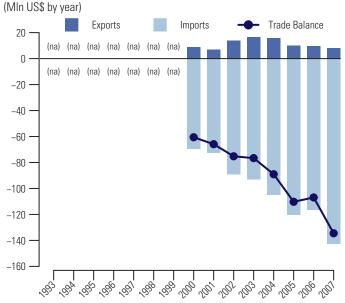
Overview:

From 2003 to 2007, Tonga's exports dropped on average by 16.3 percent each year and amounted to 8.0 mln US\$ in 2007 (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 11.3 percent each year to 142.6 mln US\$ resulting in a trade deficit of 134.5 mln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). By MDG regions, deficits with Developed Asia-Pacific and South-eastern Asia amounted respectively to 64.1 mln US\$ and 34.1 mln US\$ (see graph 2). Major deficits were also recorded with Oceania (-12.5 mln US\$), Developed North America (-12.3 mln US\$) and Eastern Asia (-9.6 mln US\$). Both imports and exports were concentrated among a few partners: in 2007, 4 (respectively 5) major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports (respectively imports) (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance



	l : Exports million US\$, g			
SITC	2007	Avg. Growt 2003-2007	h rates (%) 2006-2007	2007 share
Total	8.0	-16.3	-16.0	100.0
0+1	3.8	-22.6	-12.0	47.0
2+4	0.1	-32.2	-84.6	1.0
5	0.4	45.2	35.8	4.7
6	0.1	0.9	57.0	1.4
8	0.1	12.8	26.1	1.4
9	3.6	-8.8	-16.7	44.4

Exports Profile:

In 2007, two commodity groups accounted for a large part of Tonga's exports: food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9) (see table 1). Their exports dropped respectively by 12.0 and 16.7 percent and they accounted for 47.0 and 44.4 percent of total exports in 2007. Major markets for exported goods were New Zealand, USA and Japan (see table 4). Exports to New Zealand and Japan were in majority food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) while 83.2 percent of exports to USA were commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9). From 2005 to 2007, top products for exports were vegetables nes, fresh or chilled (HS code 0709), manioc, arrowroot, salep etc, fresh, dried, sago pith (HS code 0714) and locust beans, seaweed, sugar beet, cane, for food (HS code 1212) (see table 3).

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

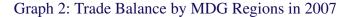
(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)							
		2007					
SITC	2007	2003-2007	2006-2007	share			
Total	142.6	11.3	22.4	100.0			
0+1	31.2	14.4	22.0	21.9			
2+4	0.4	-17.4	-21.9	0.2			
3	35.4	21.6	17.3	24.8			
5	1.6	4.5	12.7	1.1			
6	8.2	5.9	10.5	5.7			
7	14.4	9.9	50.9	10.1			
8	3.9	-1.2	30.6	2.7			
9	47.7	7.1	22.0	33.4			

Table 3: To	n 10	export commo	odities	2005	to 2007
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(Value III IIIIII OSQ)								
HS	Val	ue (million U	S\$)		Ur	nit value	Э	SITC
code 4-digit heading of Harmonized System 1992	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	Unit	code
All Commodities	10.1	9.6	8.0					
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind	3.3	4.3	3.6					931
0709 Vegetables nes, fresh or chilled	4.2	2.8	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	US\$/kg	054
0714 Manioc, arrowroot, salep etc, fresh, dried, sago pith	0.7	0.7	1.8	0.4	0.5	0.6	US\$/kg	054
1212 Locust beans, seaweed, sugar beet, cane, for food	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.7	3.0	3.2	US\$/kg	292
3208 Polymer based paints, varnishes in non-aqueous medium	0.1	0.3	0.4	4.2	4.1	4.3	US\$/kg	533
2009 Fruit and vegetable juices, not fermented or spirited	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.4	2.1	1.9	US\$/kg	059
0905 Vanilla beans	0.2	0.0	0.1	37.2	6.4	13.2	US\$/kg	075
4601 Mats, screens, articles nes of plaiting materials	0.2	0.1	0.1					899
8113 Cermets and articles thereof, waste or scrap	0.0	0.0	0.1		0.0	84.6	US\$/kg	689
4602 Basketwork, wickerwork and similar articles	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.2	5.2	3.8	US\$/kg	899

Source: UN Comtrade







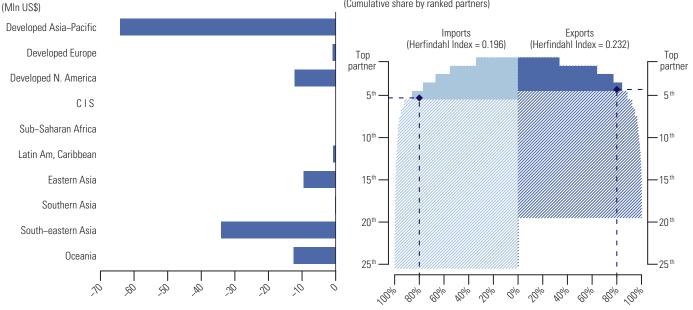


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2007

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

				Sha	res by S	SITC sec	ctions (%)		
Country	Total	0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total
World	8.0	47.0	1.0		4.7	1.4		1.4	44.4	100
New Zealand	2.7	75.0	0.5		0.5	2.3		2.1	19.6	100
USA	2.5	14.6	0.0			0.2		2.0	83.2	100
Japan	1.1	57.7	4.6						37.7	100
Australia	0.6	77.3	0.0					0.9	21.8	100
Samoa	0.3	0.1	0.0		94.0			0.1	5.9	100
American Samoa	0.3	29.6	0.0		13.1			0.7	56.6	100
Other Asia, nes	0.2	3.4	0.0			17.9			78.8	100
Rep. of Korea	0.2	93.9	0.0						6.1	100
China	0.1	0.0	37.4						62.6	100
Germany	0.1	98.7	0.0						1.3	100

Imports Profile:

In 2007, commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9) accounted for a third of imported goods (see table 2). Other major commodity groups included mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) and food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) respectively with 24.8 and 21.9 percent of imports. From 2005 to 2007, top imported products were oils petroleum, bituminous, distillates, except crude (HS code 2710), meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code 0204) and meat, edible offal of domestic poultry (HS code 0207) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2005 to 2007	Table 5: Top 10	import commodities	2005 to 2007
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(Value in million US\$)

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HS		Valu	ue (million US				nit valu	е	SITC
code 4-digit heading of Harmoniz	ed System 1992	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	Unit	code
All Commodities		120.3	116.5	142.6					
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind		44.1	39.1	47.6					931
2710 Oils petroleum, bituminous, distillates, except c	rude	25.0	29.9	34.8	0.7	0.7		US\$/kg	334
0204 Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.		5.1	5.1	5.9	1.7	1.6	2.0	US\$/kg	012
0207 Meat, edible offal of domestic poultry		4.7	4.4	5.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	US\$/kg	012
8703 Motor vehicles for transport of persons (except	buses)	3.4	3.2	4.6	1.6	1.5	<i>2.3</i> tl	hsd US\$/unit	781
8525 Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras		2.3	2.0	2.9					764
2202 Waters, non-alcoholic sweetened or flavoured b	peverages	2.0	2.3	2.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	US\$/litre	111
1101 Wheat or meslin flour		1.7	2.0	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	US\$/kg	046
4818 Household, sanitary, hospital paper articles, clo	thing	1.6	1.5	1.6	2.8	2.8	2.7	US\$/kg	642
2402 Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco or tobacco subst	itute	1.0	0.9	1.5	15.3	10.5	18.8	US\$/kg	122

Source: UN Comtrade