

The destinations of the three main exports during 1937 were as follows :—

Country.	Copra.	Cocoa.	Bananas.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
United Kingdom	1,615	669	..
New Zealand	..	57	6,706
Australia	..	56	..
United States of America	3,226	232	..
European ports (exact destination unknown)	5,848	239	..
Canada	334	..	..
Holland	1,055	..	..
Germany	752	..	..
France	510	..	..
Totals	13,340	1,253	6,706

The reply to M. Giraud's question⁽¹⁾ regarding the destination of copra exported to European ports is as follows : A considerable amount of the copra and cocoa exported from Samoa is consigned to brokers under what is called "optional stowage or consignment"—i.e., the broker has the right of deciding at which port the cargo shall be discharged.

It frequently happens that a quantity of such copra or cocoa shipped under "optional stowage" will be sold whilst in transit, and the shipmaster will then be instructed regarding the port of discharge.

It is not possible for the exporters in Samoa to give exact information of the ultimate destination of such cargoes.

IMPORTS.

Shown hereunder is a table of the principal countries of origin :—

Countries.	1935.		1936.		1937.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	£		£		£	
United Kingdom	22,855	16·84	31,165	18·66	42,365	15·82
New Zealand	51,384	37·85	53,218	31·86	71,396	26·65
Australia	22,032	16·23	27,530	16·48	40,857	15·25
United States of America	14,151	10·42	11,636	6·97	21,252	7·94
Japan	13,662	10·06	17,781	10·65	39,613	14·78
Other countries	11,673	8·60	25,690	15·38	52,385	19·56
Totals	135,757	100·00	167,020	100·00	267,868	100·00

The main items imported are as follows : Tobacco (16,524 lb.), drapery, hardware, iron and steel, benzine (266,988 gallons), and kerosene (92,469 gallons), butter, preserved fish, tinned meats, rice, sugar, provisions, soap, timber (680,637 superficial feet), motor-vehicle parts. In most cases it is not possible to quote the actual quantities of the individual items of importations, as for Customs purposes the values only are recorded. Further details will be found in "Trade, Commerce, and Shipping of the Territory of Western Samoa for the Calendar Year 1937."

EXPORTS.

Copra, cocoa, rubber, and bananas are also dealt with in the reports on Trade and Agriculture, pages 4 and 27 respectively.

Further details relative to trade are given in the report on "Trade, Commerce, and Shipping of the Territory of Western Samoa for the Calendar Year 1937," and in the graphs appended to this report.

SHIPPING.

Overseas Merchant Shipping entering the Port of Apia.

	Financial Year ended					
	31st March, 1937.			31st March, 1938.		
	British.	Other.	Total.	British.	Other.	Total.
Number of vessels	59	22	81	56	43	99
Tonnage, vessels	84,085	26,872	110,957	82,389	25,842	108,231
Tons cargo, inwards	10,927	3,366	14,293	10,715½	4,634	15,349½
Tons cargo, outwards	18,145¾	8,814¼	26,960	21,241½	7,782¾	29,024¼

Five British, one French, and eight American warships and one German and two American yachts entered port during the year.

⁽¹⁾ See minutes of the thirty-third session of the Permanent Mandates Commission, page 57.