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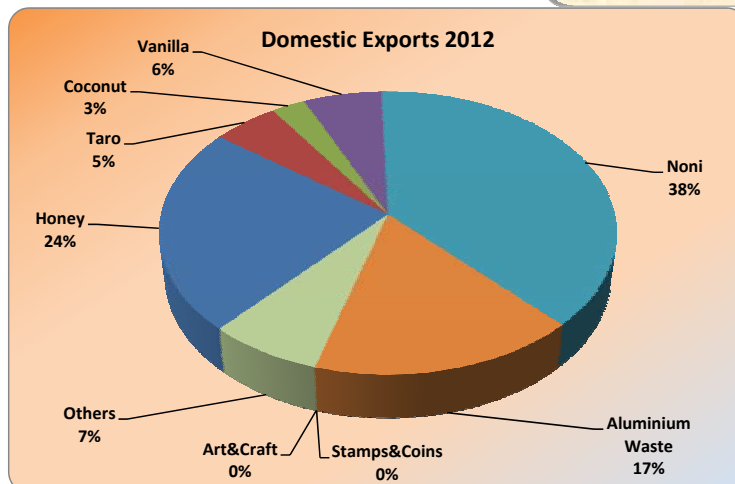
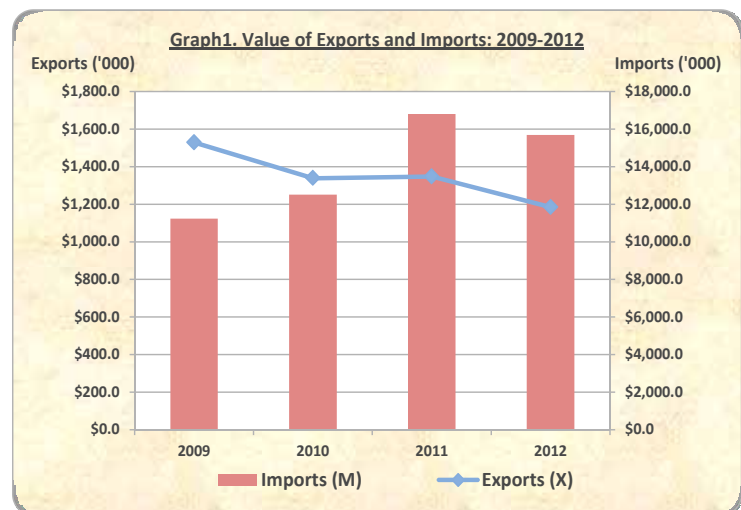
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# STATISTICAL RELEASE

## Niue International Merchandise Trade Statistics

2012

(Provisional)



## Introduction

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Statistics Niue is very happy to put out this statistical (provisional) release of the Niue International Merchandise Trade Statistics (NIMTS) for the year 2012.

This release is the new version of the NIMTS following the best practices as per stipulated in the 2010 IMTS Manual and the IMTS Compilation Manual (Draft).

The release will re-focus on the 2012 trade figures of Niue:

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Please note that import figures used for this statistical release are those (*mirror statistics*) provided by the Trade Statistics Section of Statistics New Zealand (SNZ). Domestic exports and re-export figures were extracted from Niue Customs records and records from Niue Bulk Fuel. Customs Niue is still experiencing difficulties with its data systems hence the continued use of mirror data. Users are asked to use the data with cautious. Please note one big changes to this release and data set in recognition of the best practices is the reporting of imports values to include the insurance and freight charges (CIF) as opposed to free on board (FOB) values as being reported in previous releases.

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## 1. Figures at a Glance

### **Total Imports 2012 (CIF NZ\$ 000):**

- **Total** **15,692.1**

### **Total Exports 2012 (NZ\$ 000):**

- **Total** **1,184.5**
- **Domestic** **167.1**
- **Re-exports** **1,017.4**

### **Balance of Trade (NZ\$000):**

- **2012** **-14,507.6**
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### ***Revised figures for 2011 Niue IMTS***

#### **Total Imports 2011(CIF NZ\$ 000):**

- **Total** **16,891.5**

#### **Total Exports 2011 (NZ\$ 000):**

- **Total** **1,423.8**
- **Domestic** **422.8**
- **Re-exports** **1,001.0**

#### **Balance of Trade (NZ\$000):**

- **2011** **-15,467.7**



## 2. Value of Imports and Exports: 2012



Total imports in 2012 were \$15,692,088 and total exports were \$1,184,490; this is 8% of the total value of imports.

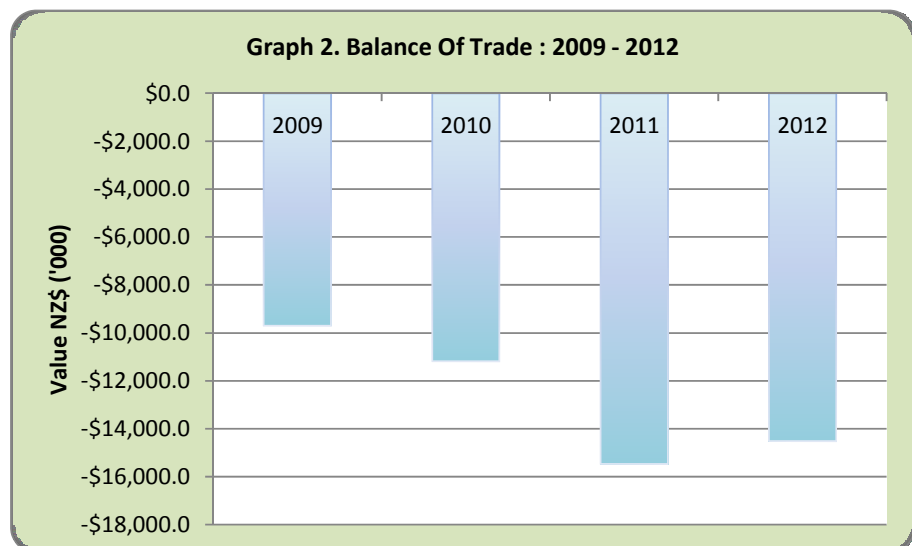
Of the total exports, domestic exports were \$167,126 and re-exports were \$1,017,369.

Compared to 2011, with the revised total of \$16,515,819, this year saw a decrease of imports by

\$1,199,411 (-7.1%) whilst total exports also decreased by \$239,325 (-16.8%). The decrease in total exports, which was somewhat saw the big decrease of \$255,654 (-60.5%) in domestic exports, but a little gain saw in re-exports of \$16,329 (1.6%). Please note the export figures this year and the revised figures of 2011 was extracted from the Customs records as oppose to the figures from the mirror data in the previous release.

## 3. Balance of Trade 2012.

In 2012 Niue recorded a trade deficit of \$14,507,598. When compared with the 2011 deficit of \$15,467,683 the 2012 deficit was cut by 6.2 per cent. The slight cut in deficit is mainly because of the general decrease of volume of imports, especially in the imports of fuel, clothing and other textile articles, and electrical wires.

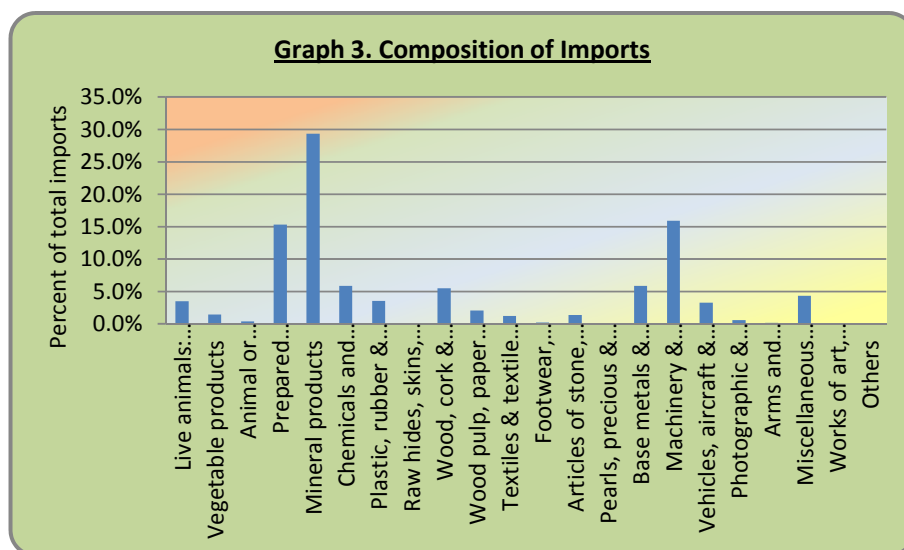


## 4. Imports 2012

### Composition of imports.

HS Sections that made up 5.0 per cent or more of imports were *Mineral products* which accounted for 29.3 per cent, followed by *Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment, and parts thereof* at 15.9 per cent, *Prepared food stuff,*

*beverages, spirits and tobacco* at 15.3 per cent, *Base metals* at 5.9 per cent, *Chemicals and allied products* at 5.9 per cent and *Wood and cork articles* at 5.5 per cent. Together, these HS Sections comprised 77.8 per cent of total imports.

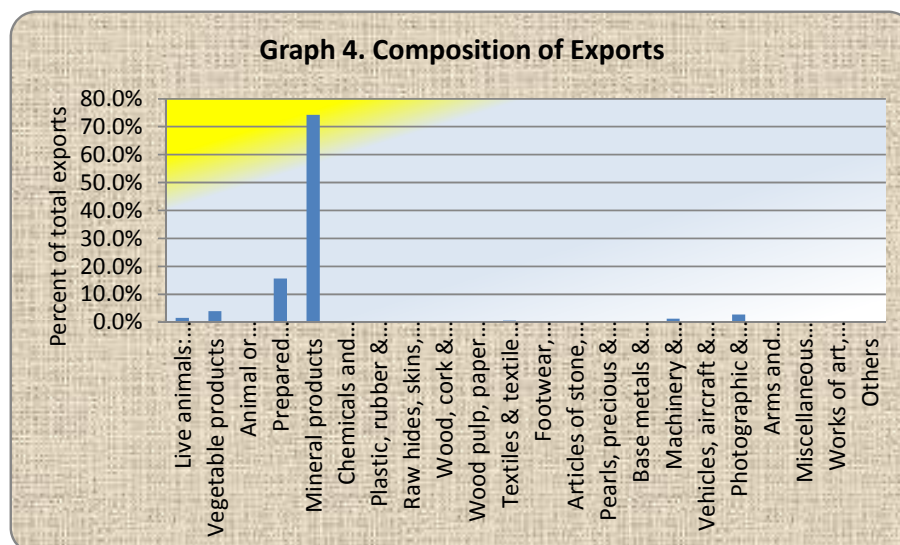


### 4a. Re-imports.

The total value of re-imports was \$204,493 comprised of mainly returned tools and returned items of "personal effects". Returned containers for refilling are not included.

## 5. Domestic exports 2012: Composition.

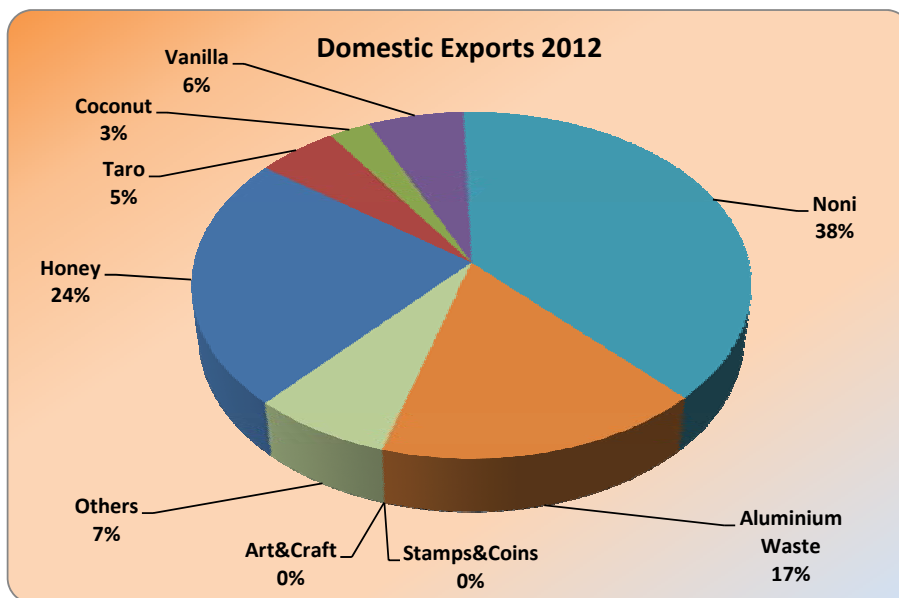
HS Sections that made up at least 3.0 per cent or more of domestic exports were Mineral products which accounted for 74.3 per cent, followed by Prepared foodstuffs, and beverages at 15.7 per cent, Live animals; and Vegetable products at 3.9 per cent. Together, these HS Sections comprised 93.9 per cent of the total exports.





## 6. Performance of principal domestic exports in 2012

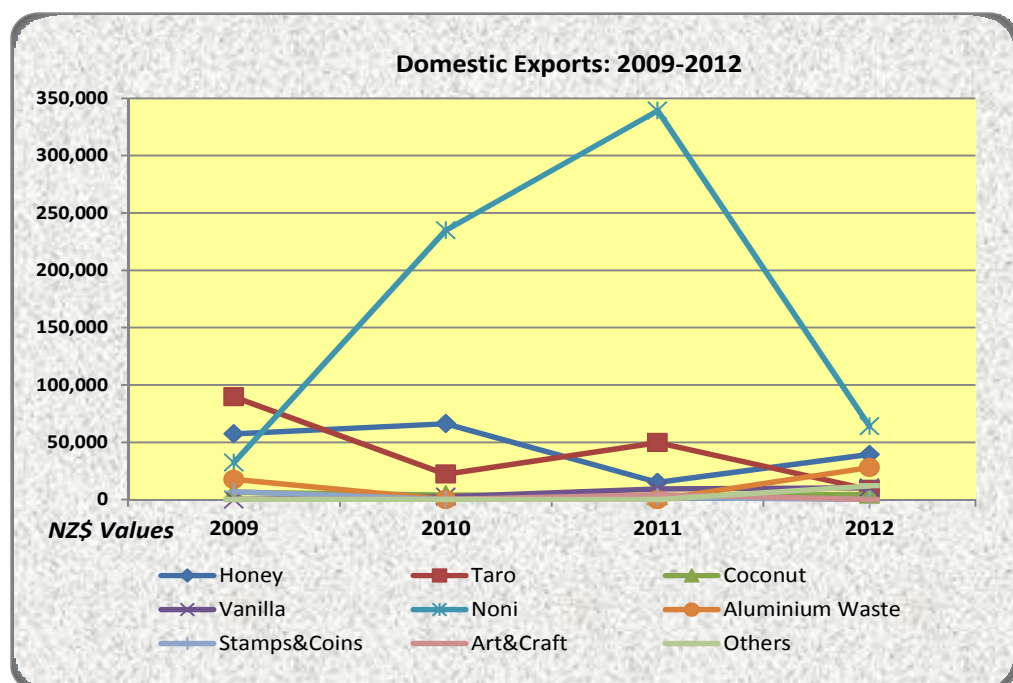
Principal domestic exports in 2012 comprised 14.1 per cent of total domestic exports. Compared to 2011 it is about 15 times smaller. Noni juice remains to be dominating comprised of 38 per cent of total domestic exports; followed by Honey at 24 per cent; and Aluminium waste at 17 per cent.



The principal domestic exports of Niue from 2009 to 2011 were noni juice, taro, honey, coconut and lately vanilla from 2010. Other exports such as aluminium waste & scrap, Arts & craft

and coins & stamps were not common. Fish somehow were not featured in the data for the years 2009 to 2011.

The biggest export of Niue is Noni juice in 2010 and 2011 but this year it has dropped remarkably by 81 per cent. The drop of exports was the direct result of changes of management and running of the Noni farm which is the main operator of the Noni industry in Niue.



## 7. Performance of Re-exports in 2012

Re-exports play a major role in total domestic exports of Niue. In 2012 it has contributed 85.9% or \$1,017,364 of the total value of exports. The main commodity of re-exporting is aviation fuel under mineral products.

## 8. Other topics

Other topics such as Direction of Trade, Trade by Geographic Regions and Trade Agreements will be covered when the data issues at Niue Customs are addressed.

Goods that were sent overseas for repairing are not included in the IMTS but were recorded for Balance of Payments and National accounts use.

## 9. General Information & Acknowledgements



The information contained in this release was compiled using the data sourced from the Trade Statistics Section of Statistics New Zealand (SNZ) as the main supplier of import figures for Niue. The export figures were extracted from the Customs Export register. Customs Niue is still experiencing difficulties with its data systems. Statistics Niue of Treasury Department would like to acknowledge the effort of everyone concerned in compiling Niue IMTS for users and stakeholders. In order for us to improve the usefulness of this statistical release we appreciate your comments. Please write to the Government Statistician, Statistics Niue, Treasury Department, Government of Niue, Alofi, NIUE; or send mail to email address: statsniue@mail.gov.nu. or kimray.vaha@mail.gov.nu. Fakaaue lahi.

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