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**“Vanuatu Hemi Kaontem Yu”**

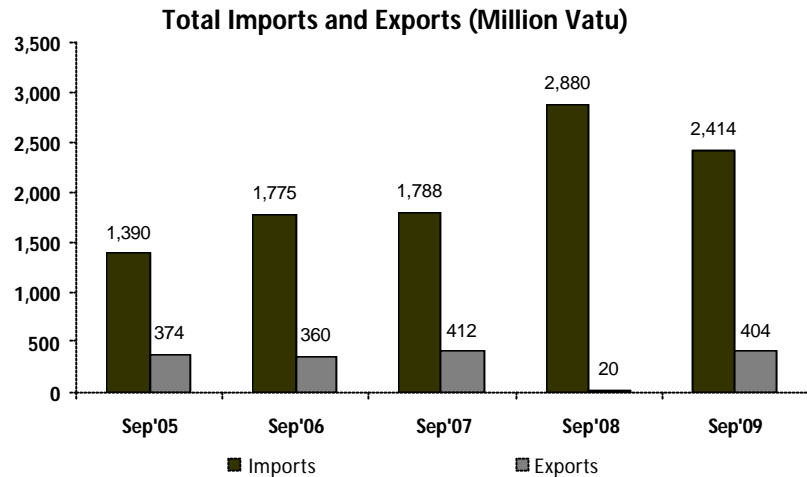


**VNSO Update**  
**Overseas Trade, September 2009**

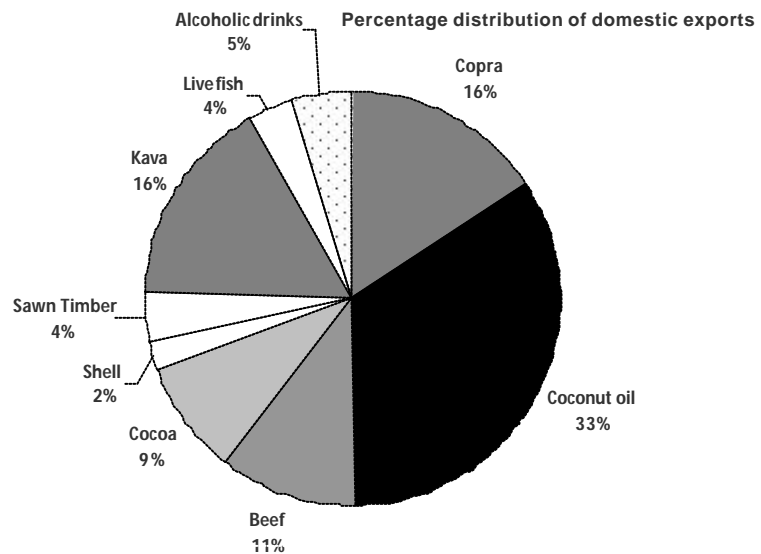
**Monthly Trade**

According to the September 2009 provisional trade figures, the trade deficit stood at 2,010 million Vatu indicating a deterioration of 361 million Vatu compared to September 2008 and 16 million Vatu compared to August 2009.

In September 2009 total imports decreased by 16.2% from 2,880 million Vatu in September 2008 to 2,414 million Vatu. This was due to a decrease of 16.6% in Imports for Vatu Home Consumption from 2,866 million Vatu in September 2008 to 2,391 million Vatu in September 2009.



Domestic exports (excluding re-exports) for September decreased by 17.4% compared to the same period in 2008 from 489 million to 404 million vatu. This decrease was mainly due to a fall in the value of the following commodities: copra, beef, kava, cowhides, sawn timber and live fish exports by 20.3%, 46.2%, 14.8%, 83.3%, and 100% respectively. However, coconut oil exports recorded an increase of 3.7% with cocoa and alcoholic drinks increasing by 61.1% and 66.7% in September 2009 when compared to the same period in 2008. Kava and copra were the main domestic exports in September 2009, comprising 16% and 15% respectively of total exports in value.



**Key Commodities**

In September 2009, there was a large shipment of coconut oil, a considerable increase on the previous two quarters of 2009.

Compared to the same quarter in 2008, the value and quantity of major commodity products exported decrease with the exception of kava. The quantity of cocoa exported remained the same in September 2009 compared to the same period in 2008, but the F.O.B value decreased by 5%.

In terms of types of items imported, in the September quarter of 2009 machines and transport equipment had the largest value (C.I.F) representing 26% of imports value. Food and live animals comprised 19% of the value of the imports.

*From June to August 2009, there was a major revision in the data exchange system between the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue and the Vanuatu National Statistics Office. This has resulted in increased value of both imports and exports in the international merchandise trade data.*

**Source of Statistics:** The Department of Customs and Inland Revenue provide the Vanuatu Statistics Office access to their ASYCUDA merchandise trade processing system to derive the imports and exports statistics included here.

## Concepts and definitions

- **Imports** are valued on a C.I.F. (cost, insurance, freight) basis. This means that for each commodity, the value recorded includes the factory price, the cost of packaging, the freight cost from overseas to Vanuatu ports and the insurance.
- **Exports** are expressed in F.O.B. (free on board) prices. It means the total value includes the production cost and the transport cost to the Vanuatu port of export.
- **Imports for re-export** refers to imports destined to be re-exported without having undergone any transformation, or only minor ones. This is especially the case of duty free goods and fuel “imported” into the country and sold to non-resident airline operators or ships.
- **Re-exports** are goods, materials or articles exported in the same condition as they were imported, and imported goods, which have undergone operations such as repair, repacking, or bottling which leave them essentially unchanged before exporting. Re-exports are valued on a F.O.B. basis i.e. "free on board" at the port of shipment.
- **Imports for Home Consumption** are goods, materials or articles bought in other countries and brought into Vanuatu for home consumption.

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**Table 1 Summary of Overseas Trade**  
**Tableau 1 Récapitulatif du commerce extérieur**

**In Million Vatu**  
**En millions de Vatu**

Year	Quarter/Month	EXPORTS F.O.B / EXPORTATION FAB					IMPORTS C.I.F / IMPORTATIONS CAF							Année	Trimestre
		Domestic Exports/Exportation de produits locaux			Re-exports	Total Exports Total des Exportations (E)	Imports for Home Consumption / Importations destinées à la Consommation intérieure			Imports for Re-exports Importations pour ré-exportations	Total Imports Total des Importations (I)	Trade Balance Déficit Commercial (E)-(I)	Balance Ratio Taux de Couverture (E)/(I)		
Luganville	Port Vila	Total	Luganville	Port Vila			Total	Luganville	Port Vila					Total	Total des Importations (I)
2005		2,030	1,829	3,859	1,216	5,074	2,369	14,726	17,095	-	17,095	(12,021)	0.30	2005	
2006		1,887	1,854	3,741	1,642	5,383	2,658	18,275	20,933	110	21,044	(15,661)	0.26	2006	
2007		2,510	1,410	3,920	1,171	5,091	3,139	19,102	22,241	134	22,375	(17,284)	0.23	2007	
2008		3,166	1,793	4,958	578	5,536	4,646	25,410	30,056	198	30,254	(24,718)	0.18	2008	
2008	1st	656	368	1,024	218	1,242	866	5,842	6,708	22	6,730	(5,488)	0.18	2008	1er
	2nd	550	321	870	204	1,075	998	6,324	7,322	66	7,388	(6,314)	0.15		2ème
	3rd	1,368	517	1,885	116	2,002	1,138	6,720	7,858	43	7,901	(5,900)	0.25		3ème
	4th	592	586	1,179	39	1,218	1,644	6,524	8,168	66	8,234	(7,016)	0.15		4ème
2009	1st	432	650	1,082	1,101	2,183	639	5,087	5,726	7	5,734	(3,551)	0.38	2009	1er
	2nd	370	522	892	219	1,111	751	5,028	5,779	402	7,191	(6,080)	0.15		2ème
	3rd	620	406	1,026	181	1,207	894	5,633	6,526	213	6,740	(5,533)	0.18		3ème
2008	Jan	281	135	416	90	507	321	1,753	2,074	10	2,084	(1,577)	0.24	2008	Jan
	Feb	181	123	304	59	363	279	2,304	2,583	4	2,587	(2,224)	0.14		Fév
	Mar	194	110	304	68	372	266	1,785	2,051	8	2,059	(1,687)	0.18		Mars
	Apr	183	125	308	80	388	346	2,013	2,359	23	2,382	(1,994)	0.16		Avril
	May	309	88	397	75	472	304	2,323	2,627	7	2,633	(2,162)	0.18		Mai
	Jun	58	107	165	50	215	348	1,988	2,336	36	2,373	(2,158)	0.09		Juin
	Jul	343	170	513	60	573	280	1,704	1,984	16	2,001	(1,428)	0.29		Juil
	Aug	737	146	883	36	920	451	2,557	3,007	13	3,020	(2,101)	0.30		Août
	Sep	288	200	489	20	509	407	2,459	2,866	14	2,880	(2,371)	0.18		Sep
	Oct	285	263	547	39	587	789	2,012	2,801	3	2,804	(2,218)	0.21		Oct
	Nov	128	142	270	-	270	364	2,300	2,664	3	2,667	(2,397)	0.10		Nov
	Dec	179	182	361	-	361	491	2,213	2,703	59	2,762	(2,401)	0.13		Déc
2009	Jan	135	104	239	590	828	280	1,538	1,818	0	1,818	(990)	0.46		Jan
	Feb	249	323	572	88	660	243	1,553	1,796	5	1,801	(1,141)	0.37		Fév
	Mar	49	223	272	423	694	115	1,996	2,112	3	2,115	(1,420)	0.33		Mars
	Apr	110	254	364	66	430	280	1,587	1,866	28	2,905	(2,475)	0.15		Avril
	May	71	109	180	64	244	288	1,712	2,000	291	2,291	(2,046)	0.11		Mai
	Jun	188	159	348	89	436	183	1,730	1,913	83	1,996	(1,559)	0.22		Juin
	Jul	196	118	314	52	366	209	1,589	1,798	97	1,895	(1,529)	0.19		Juil
	Aug	159	150	309	128	437	342	1,996	2,338	93	2,431	(1,994)	0.18		Août
	Sep	264	139	403	-	403	343	2,048	2,391	23	2,414	(2,011)	0.17		Sep

Note: All merchandise trade statistics imports and exports revised (in October 2009) for 2005 - 2009

(0) less than one million (-) Nil

**Table 2 Principal domestic exports, in value**  
**Tableau 2 Principales exportations, en valeur**

**In million Vatu**  
**En millions de Vatu**

Year	Month	Copra	Coconut oil	Beef veal	Cocoa	Shell	Sawn Timber	Cowhides	Kava	Coffee	Vanilla	Coconut Meal	Root crops	Live Cattle	Live Fish	Alcoholic Drink	Other products	Total	Année	Trimestre
		Coprah	Huile de coco	Viande bovine	Cacao	Coquillages	Bois débité	Cuir et peaux		Café	Vanille	Farine de coprah	Récolte de racines	Bétail vivant	Poisson vivant	Boissons Alcoolisées	Autres produits			
2005		126	832	870	188	52	213	47	545	0	15	80	39	56	122	213	461	3,859	2005	
2006		324	194	336	292	101	320	33	809	1	9	13	20	-	10	215	1,064	3,741	2006	
2007		840	511	352	232	77	273	43	679	0	11	3	22	-	17	203	655	3,920	2007	
2008		1,194	828	475	251	76	167	44	616	2	7	-	11	0	75	229	982	4,958	2008	
2008	1st	199	217	95	19	17	12	13	172	1	0	-	2	-	16	82	178	1,024	2008	1er
	2nd	156	180	97	40	17	10	8	141	-	1	-	4	-	24	49	143	870		2ème
	3rd	723	250	145	135	19	90	16	164	2	0	-	2	0	20	57	262	1,885		3ème
	4th	116	181	138	57	24	55	7	139	-	6	-	3	0	15	40	398	1,179		4ème
2009	1st	237	0	105	22	31	8	2	131	1	1	-	-	-	47	86	412	1,082	2009	1er
	2nd	50	7	75	132	19	9	3	174	0	1	-	-	-	36	38	349	892		2ème
	3rd	157	130	115	128	14	19	3	168	0	2	-	-	0	36	30	226	1,027		3ème
2008	Jan	116	73	34	11	4	2	7	65	-	0	-	-	-	3	22	79	416	2008	Jan
	Feb	83	79	27	-	3	3	-	5	-	0	-	-	-	6	46	51	304		Fév
	Mar	-	65	34	8	9	6	6	102	1	0	-	2	-	8	14	48	304		Mars
	Apr	59	64	37	5	6	-	4	44	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	73	308		Avril
	May	97	108	42	30	-	7	4	50	-	1	-	4	-	8	15	30	397		Mai
	Jun	-	8	18	5	11	3	-	47	-	0	-	-	-	9	25	40	165		Juin
	Jul	219	-	32	80	9	12	6	15	-	0	-	-	0	6	20	114	513		Juil
	Aug	441	143	48	38	10	44	4	88	2	0	-	-	-	4	29	33	883		Août
	Sep	64	107	65	18	-	34	6	61	-	0	-	2	-	9	9	115	489		Sep
	Oct	79	101	55	24	-	10	2	42	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	223	547		Oct
	Nov	14	8	41	24	14	42	-	67	-	1	-	-	-	4	17	40	270		Nov
	Dec	22	72	42	9	10	3	5	30	-	5	-	3	0	5	19	136	361		Déc
2009	Jan	33	0	54	7	11	0	1	60	-	0	-	-	-	15	16	42	239	2009	Jan
	Feb	195	-	20	5	9	0	1	49	0	0	-	-	-	13	8	272	572		Fév
	Mar	9	-	32	10	11	7	-	22	1	0	-	-	-	19	62	97	272		Mars
	Apr	29	2	24	5	11	6	1	89	-	0	-	-	-	13	15	169	364		Avril
	May	-	-	22	33	-	-	1	32	0	0	-	-	-	11	8	74	180		Mai
	Jun	20	5	29	95	8	3	1	53	0	0	-	-	-	12	15	106	348		Juin
	Jul	76	7	35	43	8	2	-	75	0	0	-	-	-	12	14	43	314		Juil
	Aug	29	11	46	56	-	4	1	41	-	2	-	-	0	13	-	106	309		Août
	Sep	51	111	35	29	7	13	1	52	0	-	-	-	-	12	15	77	403		Sep

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(0) less than one million

(-) Nil

**Table 3 Principal domestic exports, in quantity**  
**Tableau 3 Principales exportations, en quantité**

**In tonnes**  
**En tonnes**

Year	Quarter	Copra	Coconut Oil	Beef Veal	Cocoa	Shell	Sawn Timber	Cowhides	Kava	Coffee	Vanilla	Coconut Meal	Root crops	Live Cattle	Live Fish	Année	Trimestre
		Coprah	Huile de coco	Viande bovine	Cacao	Coquillages	Bois débité	Cuir et peaux	Café	Vanille	Farine de coprah	Récolte de racines	Bétail vivant	Poisson vivant			
2005		4,319	13,238	2,342	1,210	33	1,254	338	788	0	7	6,457	324	473	131	2005	
2006		12,862	3,896	1,064	1,916	26	761	238	713	0	2	787	155	-	88	2006	
2007		24,884	8,221	936	1,287	23	978	245	482	0	3	49	150	-	109	2007	
2008		21,380	16,545	1,023	1,132	19	391	308	437	3	2	-	78	0	108	2008	
2008	1st	4,211	3,756	245	106	4	120	88	123	1	0	-	12	-	35	2008	1er
	2nd	2,627	4,573	217	208	4	58	50	102	-	0	-	28	-	33		2ème
	3rd	12,116	5,052	304	553	6	123	106	121	3	0	-	13	0	24		3ème
	4th	2,426	3,164	257	265	5	90	63	92	-	1	-	26	0	16		4ème
2009	1st	4,304	0	227	94	7	100	13	97	2	0	-	-	-	30	2009	1er
	2nd	1,814	119	167	575	6	37	17	119	0	0	-	-	-	26		2ème
	3rd	5,014	2,910	261	553	4	75	29	136	0	0	-	2	0	28		3ème
2008	Jan	2,484	1,034	94	61	1	0	44	46	-	0	-	-	-	9	2008	Jan
	Feb	1,728	1,133	72	-	1	8	-	4	-	0	-	-	-	10		Fév
	Mar	-	1,589	80	45	2	112	45	72	1	0	-	12	-	15		Mars
	Apr	995	1,707	76	25	2	-	26	32	-	-	-	-	-	11		Avril
	May	1,632	2,131	95	160	-	18	25	36	-	0	-	28	-	10		Mai
	Jun	-	735	45	23	3	40	-	34	-	0	-	-	-	12		Juin
	Jul	3,560	-	71	278	2	25	45	12	-	0	-	-	0	8		Juil
	Aug	7,105	2,543	98	188	3	44	25	63	3	0	-	-	-	6		Août
	Sep	1,451	2,509	135	88	-	54	37	46	-	0	-	13	-	11		Sep
	Oct	1,321	1,664	105	114	-	8	19	28	-	-	-	-	-	7		Oct
	Nov	243	588	79	108	3	31	-	43	-	0	-	-	-	5		Nov
	Dec	863	911	73	44	2	51	44	21	-	1	-	26	0	4		Déc
2009	Jan	930	0	130	28	3	1	5	45	-	0	-	-	-	10	2009	Jan
	Feb	3,119	-	36	25	2	4	7	35	0	0	-	-	-	8		Fév
	Mar	255	-	62	41	2	96	-	16	2	0	-	-	-	12		Mars
	Apr	1,082	42	45	22	3	12	5	48	-	0	-	-	-	11		Avril
	May	-	-	60	138	-	-	5	24	0	0	-	-	-	7		Mai
	Jun	732	77	63	415	2	24	7	48	0	0	-	-	-	8		Juin
	Jul	2,459	430	67	192	2	12	-	51	0	0	-	-	-	9		Juil
	Aug	913	481	101	243	-	20	8	36	-	0	-	-	0	10		Août
	Sep	1,642	2,000	93	118	2	43	22	49	0	-	-	2	-	9		Sep

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**Table 4 Imports Cleared for Home Consumption, Value**

**In Million Vatu**

**Tableau 4 Importations destinées à la consommation intérieure par produit selon la**

**En millions de Vatu**

**Classification Type pur le Commerce International, valeur**

Year	Quarter	Food & Live	Beverages	Crude	Mineral	Oils Fats &	Chemical	Basic	Machines &	Miscellaneous	Goods N.E.C.	Total	Année	Trimestre
		Animals	& Tobacco	Materials	Fuels	Waxes	Products	Manufactured	Transport	Manufactured	Articles et			
		Produits	Boissons et	Matières brutes	Energie	Hules et	Produits	Produits	Machines et	Produits	Articles et			
		alimetaires et	tabacs	non	fossile	graisses	chimiques	manufacturés	matériels de	manufacturés	transactions,			
		animaux		combustibles		animales et			transport	divers	N.C.A			
		vivants				végétales								
2005		2,901	476	243	2,542	81	2,609	2,404	3,882	1,552	405	17,095	2005	
2006		3,359	514	219	3,413	71	2,367	2,921	5,555	2,181	332	20,933	2006	
2007		3,906	500	233	3,305	115	2,370	3,489	5,687	2,246	391	22,241	2007	
2008		4,781	622	427	4,237	168	2,690	4,339	9,533	2,643	617	30,056	2008	
2008	1st	1,046	125	79	901	35	616	976	2,088	583	260	6,708	2008	1st
	2nd	1,180	162	105	899	44	737	1,040	2,448	645	63	7,322		2nd
	3rd	1,352	130	128	1,123	44	694	1,118	2,391	667	211	7,858		3rd
	4th	1,204	204	116	1,314	46	643	1,205	2,605	748	83	8,168		4th
2009	1st	996	92	52	158	31	729	828	1,997	782	62	5,726	2009	1st
	2nd	1,237	103	85	210	16	700	1,077	1,431	719	201	5,779		2nd
	3rd	1,221	163	102	681	20	947	965	1,709	626	94	6,527		3rd
2008	Jan	362	41	21	311	8	187	383	565	166	28	2,074	2008	Jan
	Feb	397	46	47	264	16	236	307	912	155	204	2,583		Feb
	Mar	287	38	11	326	11	193	286	611	262	28	2,051		Mar
	Apr	383	44	43	298	14	291	356	704	200	25	2,359		Apr
	May	337	56	41	279	17	243	312	1,086	236	18	2,627		May
	Jun	459	62	21	321	13	202	372	657	209	20	2,336		Jun
	Jul	297	32	57	360	6	173	226	622	191	19	1,984		Jul
	Aug	526	53	39	377	13	259	385	1,041	256	60	3,007		Aug
	Sep	528	45	32	386	25	263	507	728	220	132	2,866		Sep
	Oct	373	78	38	526	8	206	379	947	235	11	2,801		Oct
	Nov	422	62	56	364	25	239	452	746	260	37	2,664		Nov
	Dec	409	64	21	425	12	198	374	913	253	35	2,703		Dec
2009	Jan	401	42	15	57	12	198	285	408	373	28	1,818	2009	Jan
	Feb	344	19	18	41	9	189	248	749	163	17	1,796		Feb
	Mar	251	31	18	60	10	342	296	840	246	17	2,112		Mar
	Apr	436	42	29	100	7	227	298	359	237	132	1,866		Apr
	May	453	25	28	58	4	257	499	377	261	38	2,000		May
	Jun	348	36	27	52	5	216	280	696	221	32	1,913		Jun
	Jul	399	25	41	23	6	265	332	424	262	20	1,798		Jul
	Aug	428	71	36	441	5	267	367	506	195	22	2,338		Aug
	Sep	394	67	25	218	9	415	265	779	169	52	2,391		Sep

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