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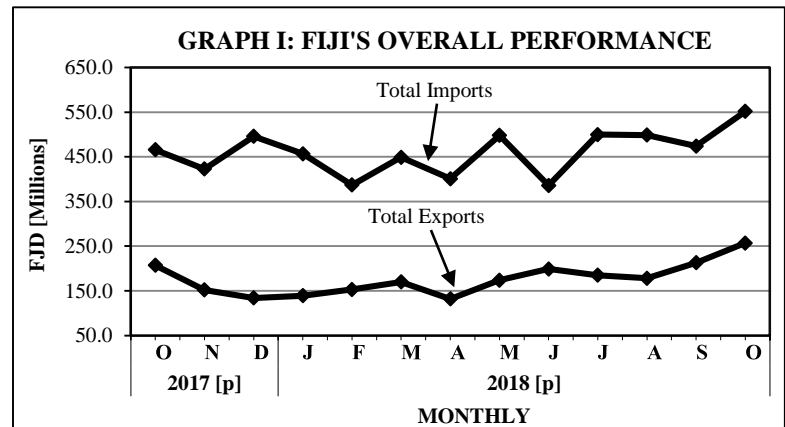
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

October 2018

Provisional data put the total value of goods imported in October 2018 at \$552.0 million while the value of total exports was \$257.5 million. (Refer Graph I).

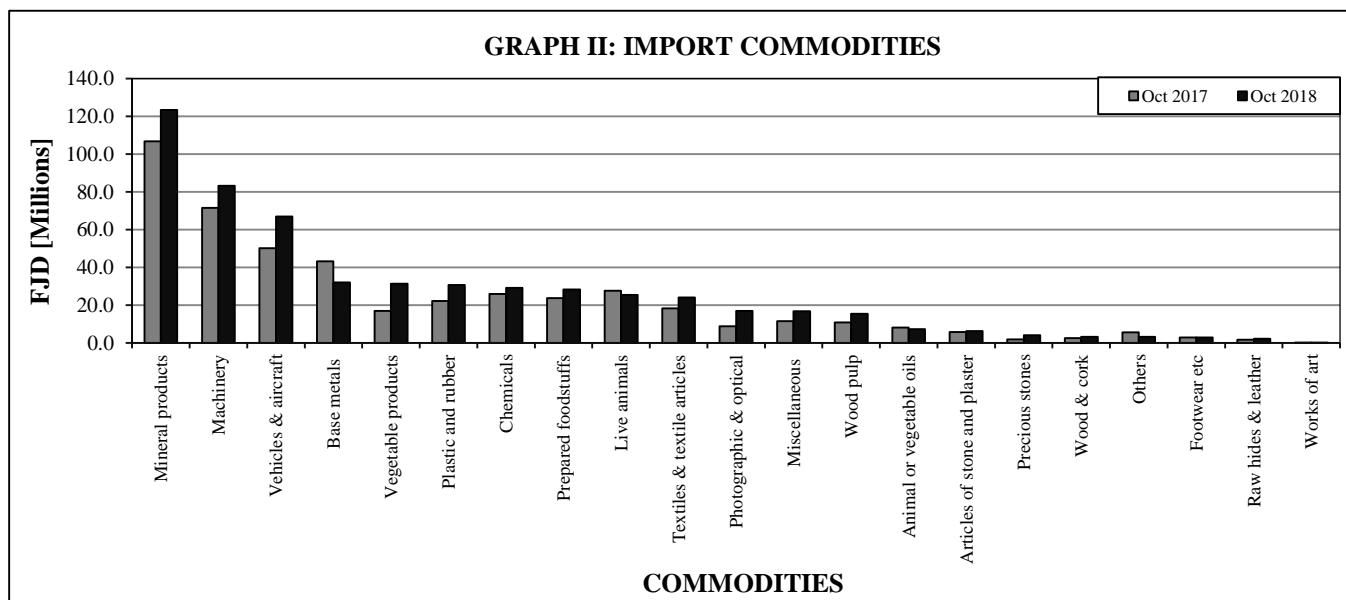
Compared to October 2017, total imports and total exports increased by \$86.3 million (18.5%) and \$50.6 million (24.5%) respectively.

The October 2018 trade deficit amounted to \$294.5 million compared to \$260.9 million a month earlier (September).



HIGHLIGHTS

IMPORTS



The percentage breakdown of major import commodities as categorized by the Harmonized System (HS) code are as follows;

Table 1: Major contributors to Imports FJD [Millions]

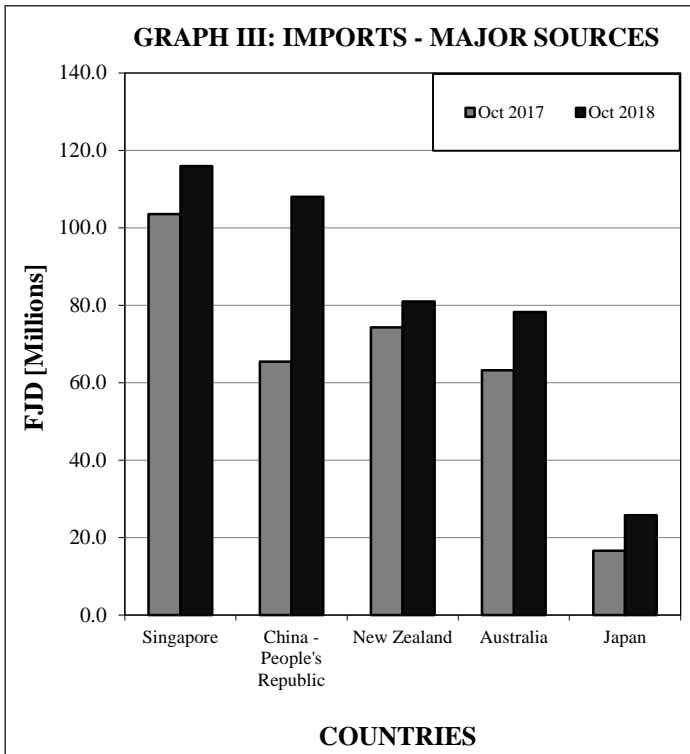
HS Sections	Oct 2017	%	Oct 2018	%
Mineral products	106.7	22.9	123.4	22.4
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	71.4	15.3	83.2	15.1
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	50.2	10.8	67.0	12.1
Base metals & articles thereof	43.2	9.3	32.0	5.8
Vegetable products	17.0	3.6	31.2	5.7
Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	22.2	4.8	30.7	5.6
Chemicals and allied products	25.8	5.6	29.2	5.3
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	23.6	5.1	28.3	5.1
Total Imports	465.7		552.0	

Compared to October 2017, the import categories recording notable increases were:

- **Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment [HS 86-89]**, up \$16.8 million (33.5%) to \$67.0 million due to increased imports of other new special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods and other parts of aeroplanes or helicopters;
- **Mineral products [HS 25-27]**, up \$16.7 million (15.7%) to \$123.4 million due to increased imports of gas-oil (diesel);
- **Vegetable products [HS 06-14]**, up \$14.3 million (84.0%) to \$31.2 million due to increased imports of other wheat and meslin;
- **Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof [HS 84-85]**, up \$11.8 million (16.5%) to \$83.2 million due to increased imports of other electrical transformers, static converters (for example, rectifiers) & inductors and generating sets with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semi-diesel engines);
- **Plastic, rubber & articles thereof [39-40]**, up \$8.5 million (38.1%) to \$30.7 million due to increased imports of other polymers of styrene, in primary forms;
- **Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments [90-92]**, up \$8.0 million (91.2%) to \$16.8 million due to increased imports of other optical instruments and appliances;
- **Textiles & textile articles [50-63]**, up \$5.7 million (30.9%) to \$24.0 million due to increased imports of other polyester stable fibres and other printed woven fabrics of cotton; and
- **Miscellaneous manufactured articles [94-96]**, up \$5.3 million (46.1%) to \$16.8 million due to increased imports of other wooden furniture.

Compared to October 2017, the import category recording a notable decrease was:

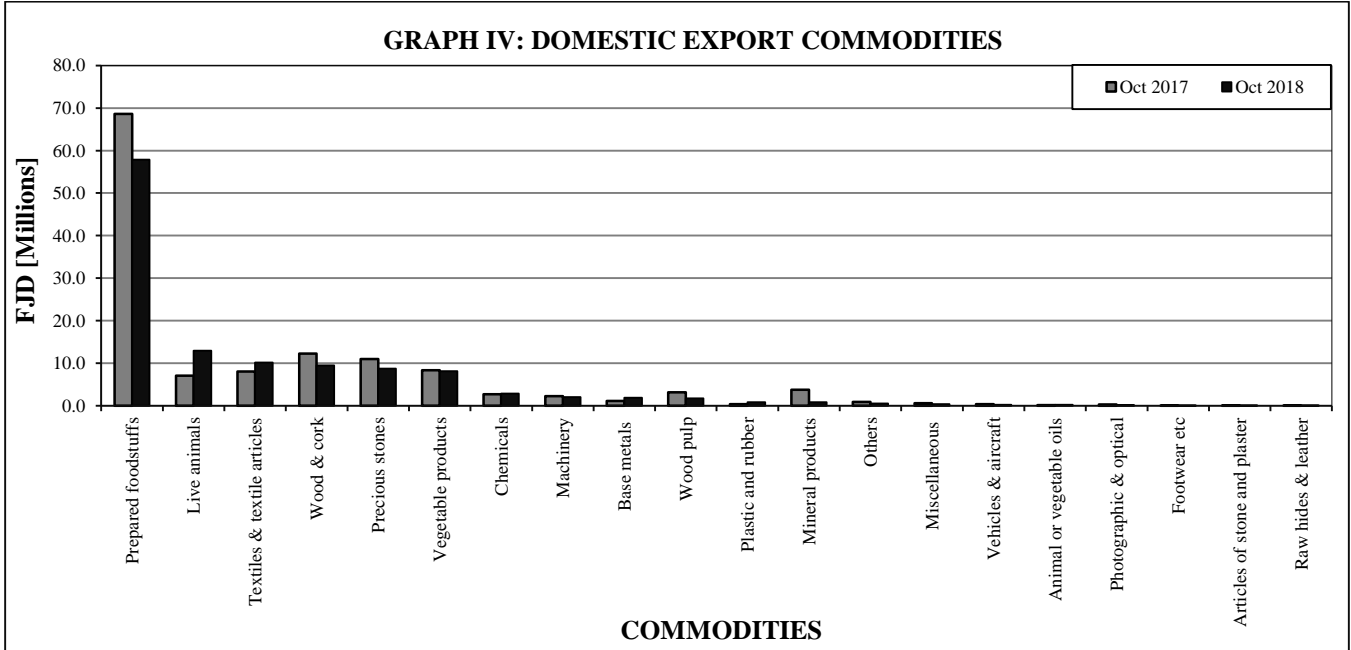
- **Base metals & articles thereof [HS 72-83]**, down \$11.2 million (26.0%) to \$32.0 million due to decreased imports of tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron and other semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel.



For the month of October 2018, Fiji's major sources of imports (Refer Graph III) were:

- **Singapore**, up \$12.3 million (11.9%) to \$115.9 million due to increased imports of gas-oil (diesel) and other parts of aeroplanes or helicopters;
- **China – People's Republic**, up \$42.5 million (65.0%) to \$108.0 million due to increased imports of other optical instruments and appliances and other new special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods;
- **New Zealand**, up \$6.7 million (9.0%) to \$81.0 million due to increased imports of helicopters and gypsum;
- **Australia**, up \$15.1 million (23.9%) to \$78.3 million due to increased imports of other wheat & meslin and butanes; and
- **Japan**, up \$9.2 million (55.2%) to \$25.7 million due to increased imports of new passenger motor cars and racing cars.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS



The percentage breakdown of major domestic export commodities as categorized by the Harmonized System (HS) codes are as follows;

Table 2: Major contributors to Domestic Exports FJD [Millions]

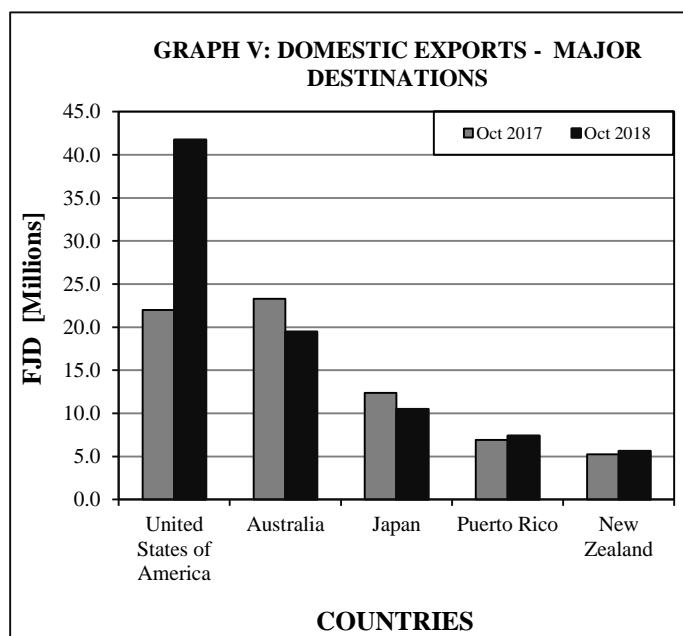
HS Sections	Oct 2017	%	Oct 2018	%
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	68.6	52.3	57.9	48.6
Live animals: animal products	7.1	5.4	12.9	10.9
Textiles & textile articles	8.0	6.1	10.2	8.5
Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	12.3	9.4	9.5	7.9
Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones & metals	11.0	8.4	8.7	7.3
Vegetable products	8.4	6.4	8.1	6.8
Total Domestic Exports	131.1		119.0	

Compared to October 2017, the domestic export category recording a notable increase was:

- **Live animals: animal products [HS 01-05]**, up \$5.9 million (83.2%) to \$12.9 million due to increased domestic exports of albacore or longfinned tuna.

Compared to October 2017, the domestic export category recording a notable decrease was:

- **Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco [16-24]**, down \$10.7 million (15.6%) to \$57.9 million due to decreased domestic exports of mineral water and sugar.

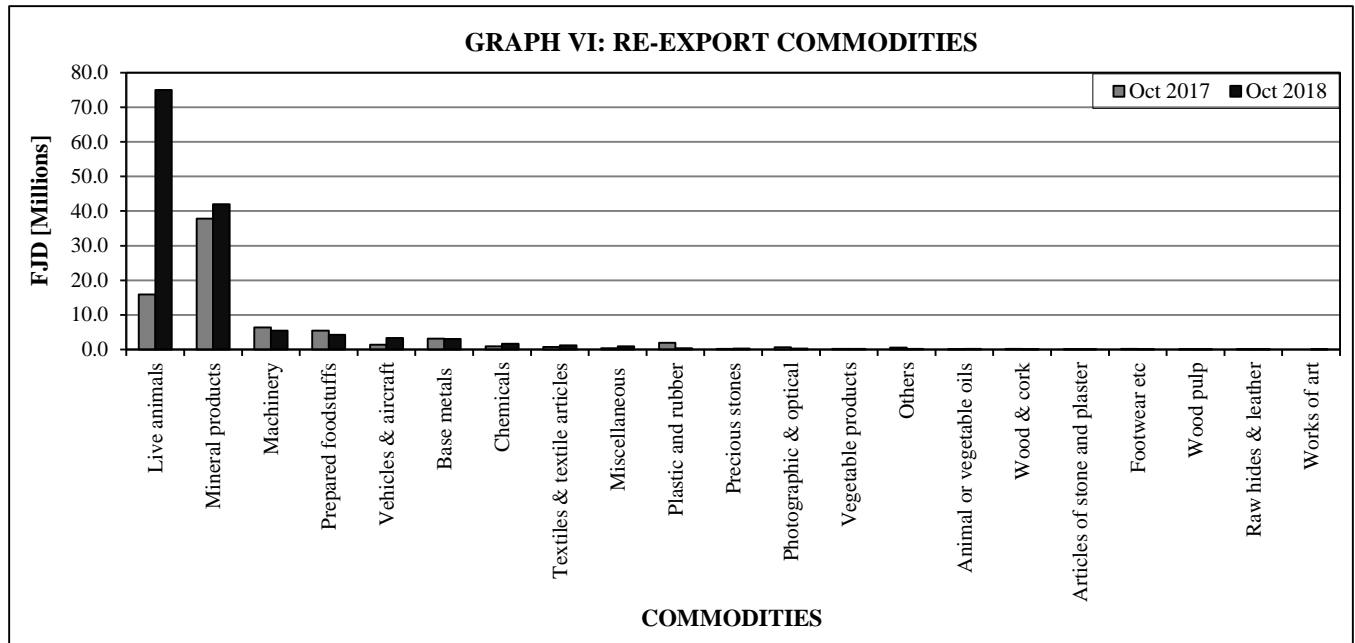


For the month of October 2018, Fiji's major domestic export destinations (Refer Graph V) were:

- **United States of America**, up \$19.7 million (89.6%) to \$41.7 million due to increased exports of mineral water and sugar;
- ***Australia**, down \$3.9 million (16.5%) to \$19.5 million due to decreased exports of aluminum ores & concentrates and gold ;
- **Japan**, down \$1.9 million (15.1%) to \$10.5 million due to decreased exports of woodchips;
- **Puerto Rico**, up \$0.5 million (7.0%) to \$7.4 million due to increased exports of molasses; and
- **New Zealand**, up \$0.4 million (7.6%) to \$5.6 million due to increased exports of life jackets & life-belts and other textile materials.

*Domestic export of gold is under query.

RE-EXPORTS



The percentage breakdown of major re-export commodities as categorized by the Harmonized System (HS) code are as follows;

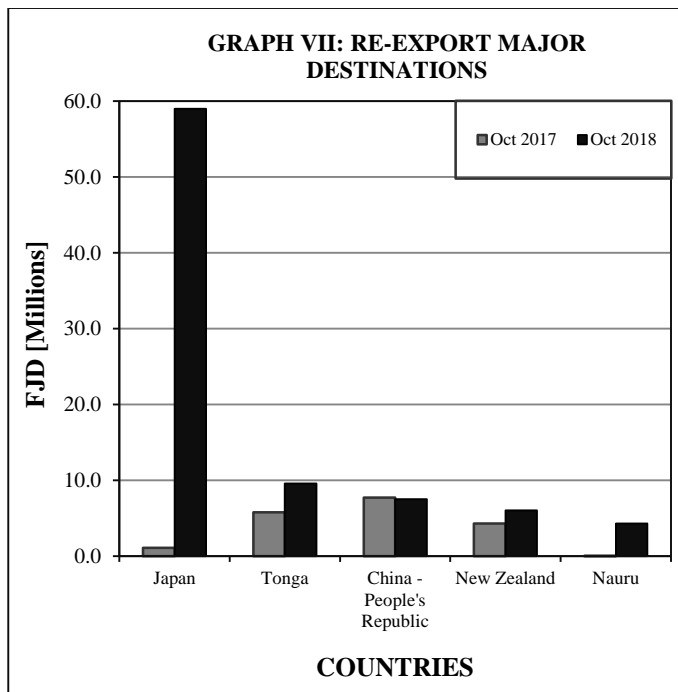
Table 3: Major contributors to Re-exports FJD [Millions]

HS Section	Oct 2017	%	Oct 2018	%
Live animals: animal products	15.9	21.0	75.0	54.2
Mineral products	37.8	49.9	42.0	30.3
Total Re-exports	75.7		138.5	

Compared to October 2017, the re-export category recording a notable increase was:

- **Live animals: animal products [HS 01-05]**, up \$59.1 million (371.6%) to \$75.0 million due to increased re-exports of other tuna.

Compared to October 2017, there were no notable decreases for re-export category:



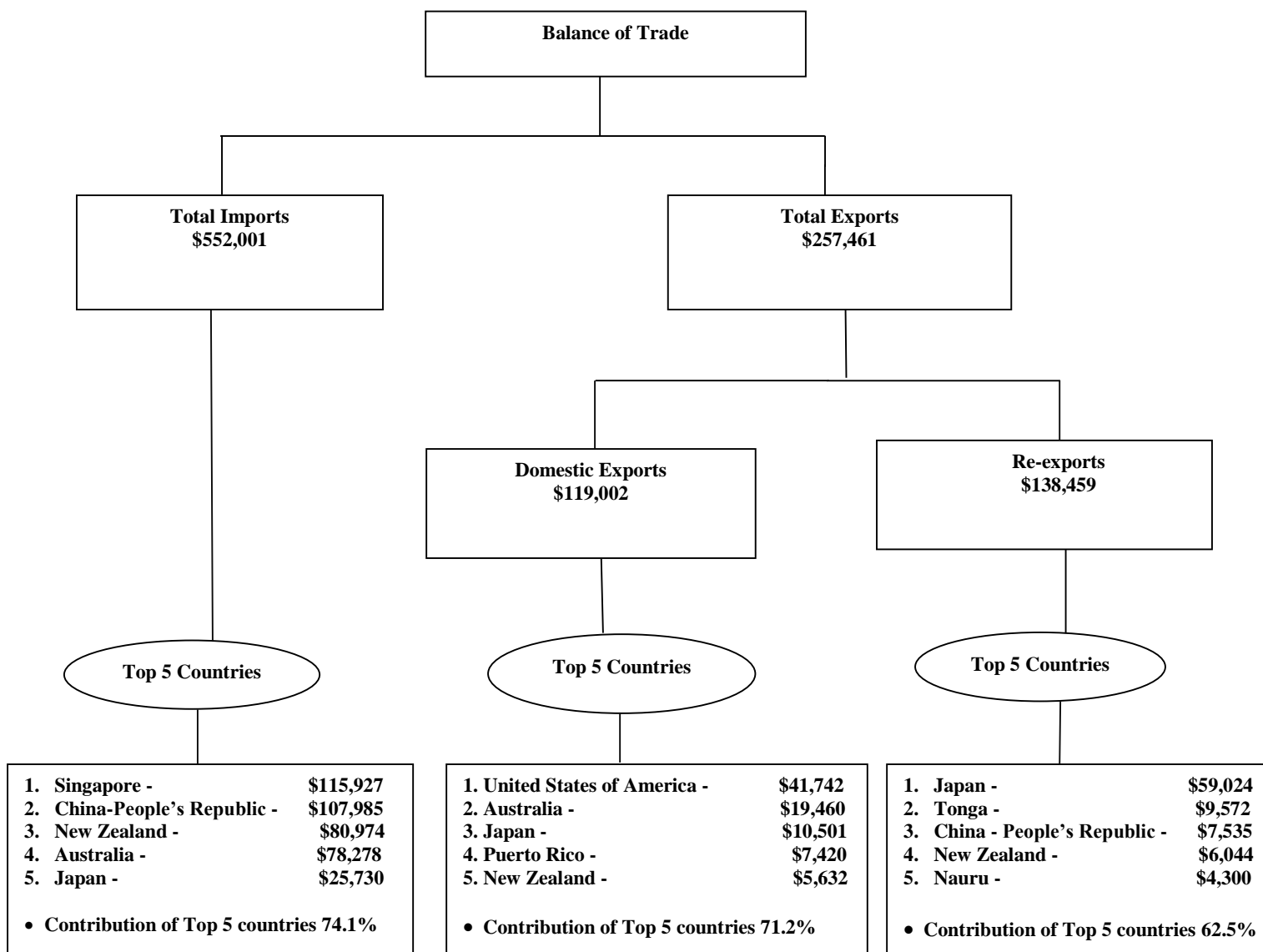
For the month October 2018, Fiji's major re-export destinations (Refer Graph VII) were:

- **Japan**, up \$57.9 million (5,188.9%) to \$59.0 million due to increased re-exports of other tuna;
- **Tonga**, up \$3.8 million (64.7%) to \$9.6 million due to increased re-exports of gas-oil (diesel);
- **China - People's Republic**, down \$0.2 million (2.6%) to \$7.5 million due to decreased re-exports of albacore or longfinned tuna;
- **New Zealand**, up \$1.7 million (39.9%) to \$6.0 million due to increased re-exports of television cameras, digital cameras and video camera recorders; and
- **Nauru**, up \$4.3 million (47,677.8%) to \$4.3 million due to increased re-exports of gas-oil (diesel) and aviation turbine fuel.

Below presents the main features of Fiji's International Merchandise Trade Statistics for the Month of October 2018.

Figure 1: Flow of Trade – October 2018

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For more information on International Merchandise Trade Statistics refer to the following attached tables:

- **Table 4:** Balance of Trade;
- **Table 5:** Total Imports by HS;
- **Table 6:** Domestic Exports by HS;
- **Table 7:** Re-exports by HS;
- **Table 8:** Total Exports by HS;
- **Table 9:** Principal Domestic Exports by HS;
- **Table 10:** Principal Imports by HS;
- **Table 11:** Balance of Trade by major partner countries for October 2018;
- **Table 12:** Exports by SITC;
- **Table 13:** Imports by SITC; and
- **Table 14:** Mode of Transport.

For Technical Notes refer to page 25.

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The International Merchandise Trade Statistics for November 2018 will be released in January 2019.



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