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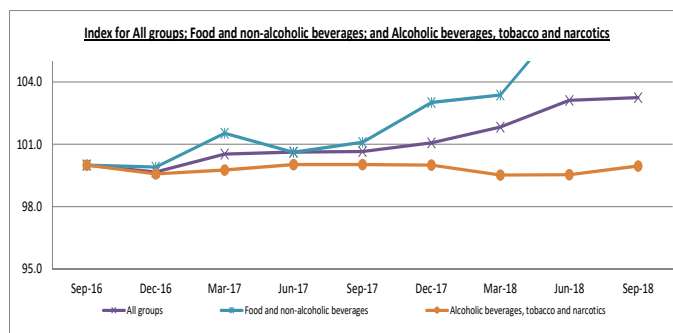
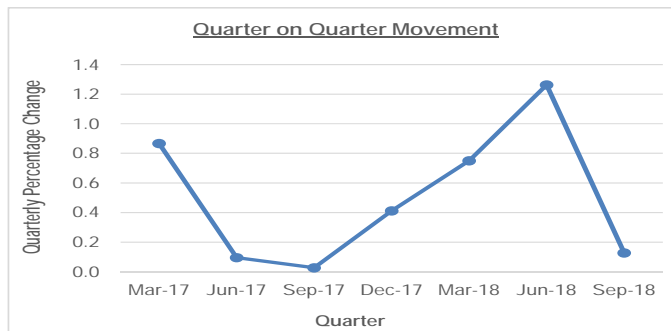
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**September 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	-1.2	4.9
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco & narcotics	0.4	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	-1.8	-0.5
Housing, water, electricity, gas, & other fuels	-0.4	2.6
Furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance	0.0	-1.8
Health	0.0	2.6
Transport	3.1	8.1
Communication	0.6	-0.3
Recreation and Culture	-4.7	-4.4
Education	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Hotels	2.6	-0.3
Miscellaneous goods & services	0.0	-0.9
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



**SEPTEMBER 2018 QTR KEY POINTS**

- All groups saw an increase of 0.1% over the last quarter. Groups that showed increases were Transport group at 3.1%, Restaurant and Hotel group at 2.6%, Communication group at 0.6%, and Alcoholic beverages, tobacco & narcotics group at 0.4%. Items contributing to these increases includes the price change on fuels, mobile phones, and beer. The only group that saw a significant decrease was Recreation and culture group at -4.7%. Items that contributed to the decline includes notebooks and toys. The remaining groups saw little or no change this quarter. Overall, prices remained constant with last quarter in respect to their perspective weights in the CPI basket.
- The annual change of 2.6% this quarter is a 2.3% increase of the same quarter last year. The last 12 months was largely driven by Transport group at 8.1%, Food and non-alcoholic beverages group at 4.9%. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group and Health group both at 2.6% respectively. Items that contributed the most to these groups' change includes the price increase of fuels, eggs, frozen chicken, rice, utilities, and dental care. On the other hand, Recreation and culture group services saw a significant decrease of -4.4%. Mainly due to the price change of notebooks and toys. The remaining groups saw little or no annual price change this quarter.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2017	Total FOB Value 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	1,989,565	2,075,117	4.3
Vegetable products	1,570,698	1,462,939	-6.9
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	5,097,229	4,399,937	-13.7
Mineral products	8,901,745	11,923,034	33.9
Chemicals and allied products	2,370,458	2,392,663	0.9
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	483,941	863,200	78.4
Base metals & articles thereof	2,479,325	2,175,648	-12.2
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts	9,486,916	5,839,534	-38.4
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	1,921,095	1,767,684	-8.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,371,443	1,457,820	-38.5
Other Imports	5,449,177	4,837,480	-11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,121,591</b>	<b>39,195,056</b>	<b>-6.9</b>

Source: Bureau of Customs & Border Protection, MOF and Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF

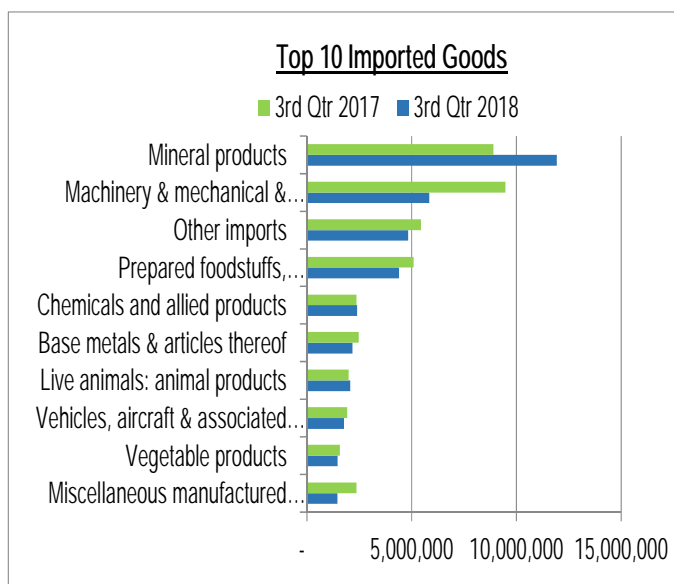
**Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers**

Type	Total Containers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2017	Total Containers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018	% Change
20'D	434	418	-3.7
40'D	254	198	-22.0
20'R	27	30	11.1
40'R	42	39	-7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>-9.5</b>

Source: Division of Marine Transportation, BCD, MPIIC

**SEPTEMBER 2018 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Overall, total imports declined by about 7% over the same period last year.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic products group saw an increase of 78% likely associated with the road infrastructure and hotel development projects.
- Mineral Products group also showed an increase of about 34% largely due to imports of ore, slag, ash and fuel.
- Miscellaneous manufactured articles group showed a decline of about 39%. Imports of furniture such as mattresses, beddings and lamps contributed to last year's high number.
- Other imports include Animal or vegetable oils & fats, Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof, Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products, Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof, Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals, Plastic, rubber & articles thereof, Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods, Textiles & textile articles, Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof, Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material, and Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques.
- The table on the top right corner shows the number of inbound containers by size and type. The overall number decreased by about 10% over the same quarter last year.





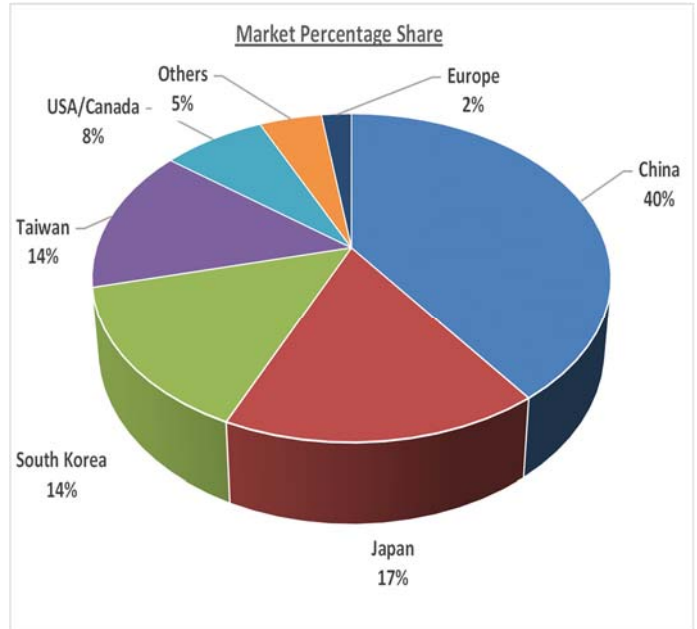
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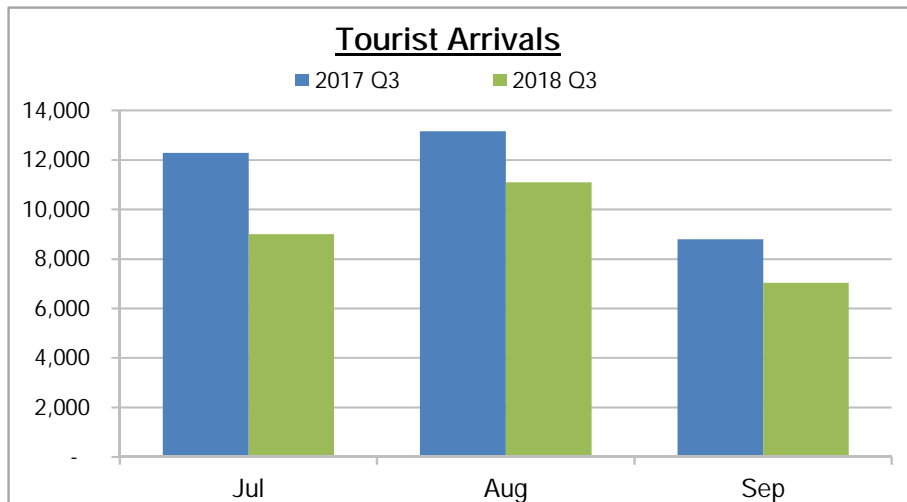
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**September 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Country	Visitor Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2017	Visitor Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2018	% Change
China	17,734	10,840	-38.9%
Japan	6,137	4,539	-26.0%
South Korea	3,765	3,928	4.3%
Taiwan	2,801	3,888	38.8%
USA/Canada	1,980	2,070	4.5%
Others	1,122	1,261	12.4%
Europe	699	607	-13.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,238</b>	<b>27,133</b>	<b>-20.8%</b>



Source: Bureau of Immigration and Labor, MOJ, Republic of Palau



**September 2018 QTR KEY POINTS**

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 27,133, a decrease of 7,105; -20.8% compared to the same quarter last year.
- PRC China, which was the leading market amongst other countries for the past year, saw a significant decline of 6,894; about -38.9% over the same quarter last year.
- Taiwan saw a significant increase of 1,087; about 38.8% over the same quarter last year.
- South Korea saw an increase of 163; about 4.3% over the same quarter last year.
- Japan saw a significant decline of 1,598; about -26.0% compared to the same quarter last year.
- USA/Canada saw an increase of 90 visitors; about 4.5% compared to the same quarter last year.



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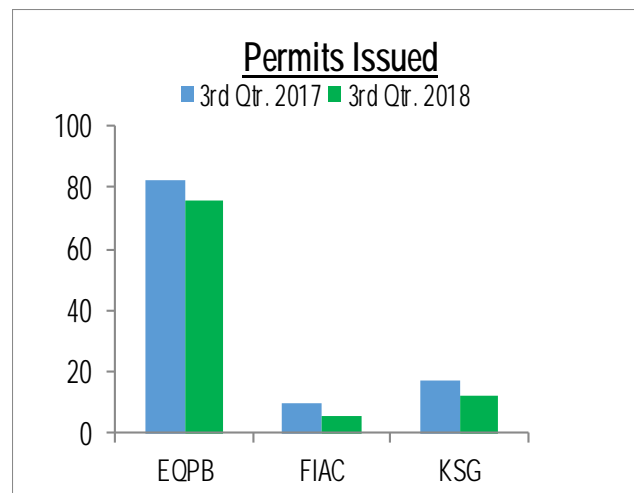
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**SEPTEMBER 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC**

Industry	FIAC Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2017	FIAC Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018
Mining and quarrying	1	1
Construction	-	1
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	2	1
Accommodation and food service activities	4	1
Real estate activities	2	1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



**SEPTEMBER 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG**

Type	Building Permits 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2017	Building Permits 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018
Commercial	-	2
Government	1	-
Residential	16	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

**SEPTEMBER 2018 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter decreased by 4 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 6 new licenses were issued this quarter with a total declared investment of \$945,000.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning declined by 5 over the same period last year. A total of 12 building permits were issued this quarter with Residential building permits contributing the highest.
- Earthmoving permits issued for this quarter decreased by 6 over the same period last year. A total of 75 earthmoving permits were issued this quarter with Residential permits contributing the highest. All of the earthmoving activities in the Republic of Palau with the exception of minor agricultural/funeral practices require an earthmoving permit from EQPB, whereas, building permits issued by KSG-Building & Zoning are only applicable to projects in Koror State.

**SEPTEMBER 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB**

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2017	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018
Commercial	15	14
Government	27	21
Residential	40	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>75</b>

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP