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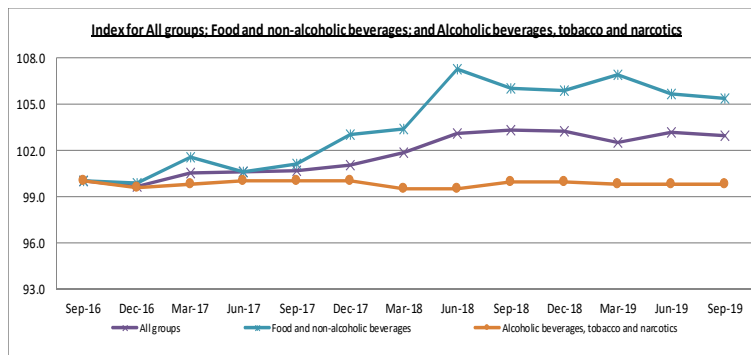
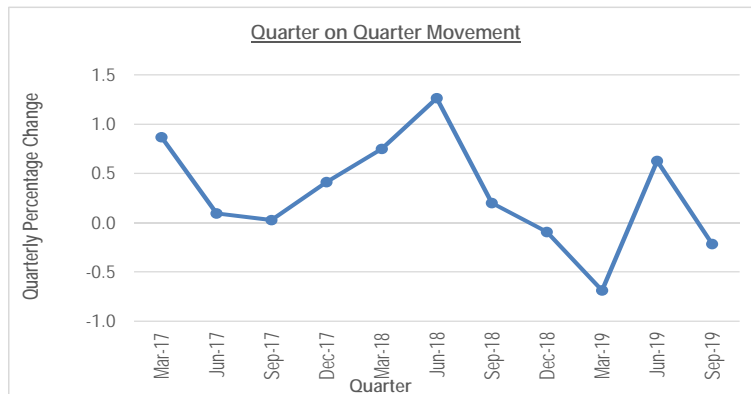
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**September 2019 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	-0.2	-0.6
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco & narcotics	0.0	-0.2
Clothing & Footwear	0.0	1.2
Housing, water, electricity, gas, & other fuels	-0.2	-0.2
Furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance	0.0	0.0
Health	0.0	0.0
Transport	0.0	-1.1
Communication	0.0	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	-3.4	-0.7
Education	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Hotels	0.0	1.9
Miscellaneous goods & services	-0.9	-1.6
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



**SEPTEMBER 2019 QTR KEY POINTS**

- All groups saw a decline of 0.2% over the last quarter. Groups that showed a significant decreases were Recreation and Culture group at -3.4%, Miscellaneous goods & services group at -0.9%, Food & non-alcoholic beverages group and Housing, water, electricity, gas, & other fuels group both at -0.2%. Items contributing to these decreases includes the price change on smart TV's, beef short ribs, whole chicken, somen noodles, and plywood. 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 -0.4% for the last 12 months was largely driven by Miscellaneous goods & services group at -1.6%, Transport group at -1.1%, Recreation and Culture group at -0.7%, Food and non-alcoholic beverages group at -0.6%, and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group at -0.2% respectively. Items that contributed the most to these groups' change includes the price decrease of motor oil, imported eggs, cheese, Colgate, and plywood. On the other hand, Clothing and Footwear group and Restaurant and Hotels groups saw increase of 1.2% and 1.9% respectively. Mainly due to the price increase on laundry fee and food take out. 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 2018	Total FOB Value 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2019	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	2,075,117	1,893,301	-8.8
Vegetable products	1,462,939	1,467,364	0.3
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	4,399,937	4,742,601	7.8
Mineral products	11,923,034	9,716,623	-18.5
Chemicals and allied products	2,392,663	2,080,976	-13.0
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	863,200	446,494	-48.3
Base metals & articles thereof	2,175,648	2,302,401	5.8
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts	5,839,534	8,194,723	40.3
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	1,767,684	1,743,478	-1.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,457,820	1,251,288	-14.2
Other Imports	4,837,480	4,639,071	-4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,195,056</b>	<b>38,478,320</b>	<b>-1.8</b>

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

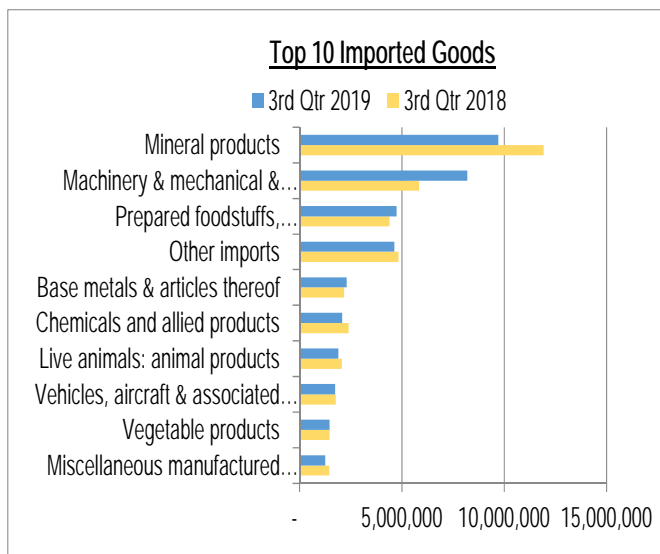
**Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers**

Type	Total Containers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018	Total Containers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2019	% Change
20'D	418	357	-14.6
40'D	198	246	24.2
20'R	30	26	-13.3
40'R	39	40	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>-2.3</b>

Source: Division of Marine Transportation, BCD, MPIIC

**SEPTEMBER 2019 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Overall, total imports declined by about 1.8% over the same period last year.
- Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof group saw an increase of 40.3% largely due to imports of mechanical appliances and electrical machinery equipment.
- Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco group also showed an increase of 7.8% largely due to imports of beverages & spirits, cocoa, and pastry products.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products group showed a decline of 48.3%. Imports of construction materials such as stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic products contributed to last year's high number.
- Other imports include Animal or vegetable oils & fats, Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof, Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof, Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals, Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments, 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 2.3% over the same quarter last year.





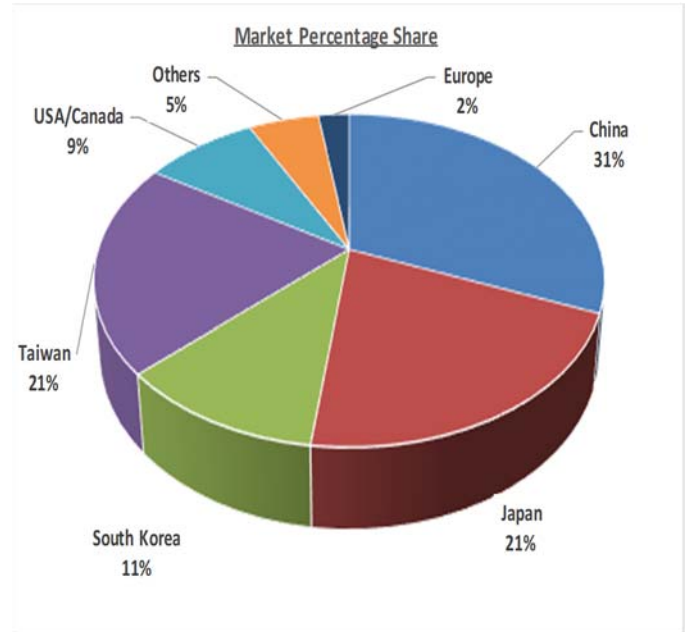
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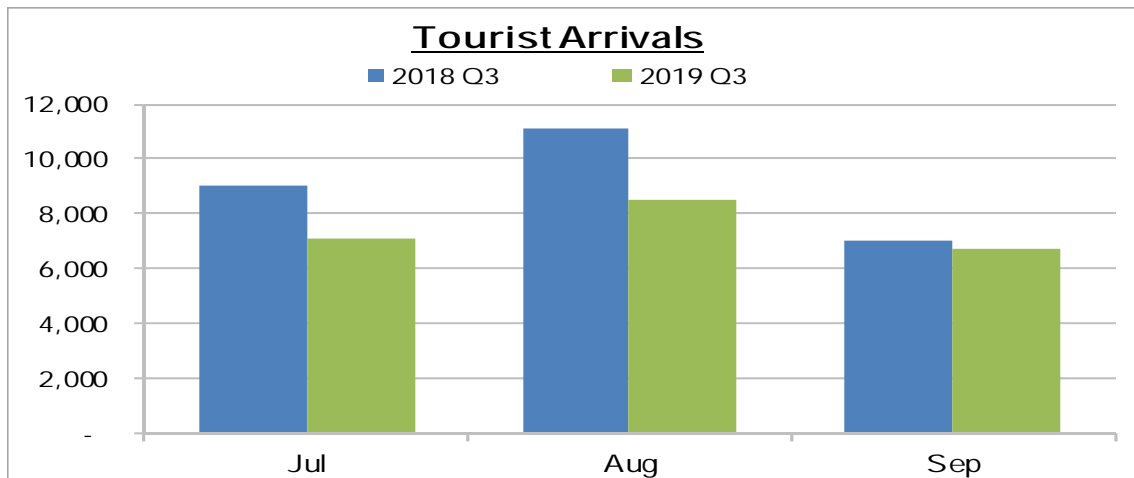
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**September 2019 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Country	Visitor Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2018	Visitor Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2019	% Change
China	10,840	6,948	-35.9%
Japan	4,539	4,682	3.2%
South Korea	3,928	2,491	-36.6%
Taiwan	3,888	4,623	18.9%
USA/Canada	2,095	1,906	-9.0%
Others	1,261	1,190	-5.6%
Europe	607	521	-14.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,158</b>	<b>22,361</b>	<b>-17.7%</b>



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



**September 2019 QTR KEY POINTS**

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 22,361, a decrease of 4,797; -17.7% 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 3,892; about -35.9% over the same quarter last year.
- Taiwan saw a significant increase of 735; about 18.9% over the same quarter last year.
- Japan saw an increase of 143; about 3.2% over the same quarter last year.
- South Korea saw a significant decline of 1,437; about -36.6% compared to the same quarter last year.
- USA/Canada saw a decrease of 189 visitors; about -9.0% compared to the same quarter last year.



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### SEPTEMBER 2019 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018	FIAC Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2019
Agriculture	-	1
Fishing	-	1
Mining and quarrying	1	-
Construction	1	1
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	1	2
Accommodation and food service activities	1	6
Financial and insurance activities	-	1
Real estate activities	1	-
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP

### SEPTEMBER 2019 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

Type	Building Permits 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018	Building Permits 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2019
Commercial	2	0
Government	-	1
Residential	10	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>

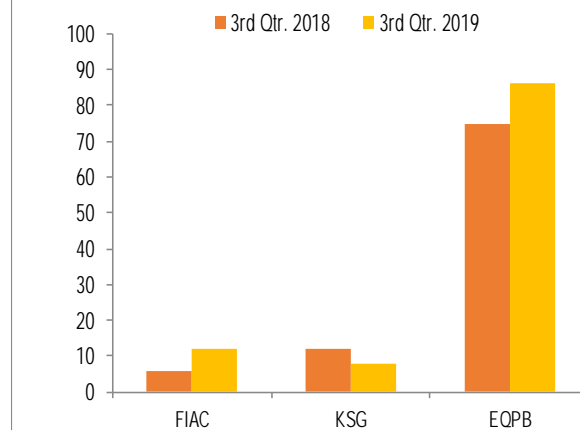
Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

### SEPTEMBER 2019 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2018	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2019
Commercial	14	20
Government	21	24
Residential	40	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>86</b>

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

### Permits Issued



### SEPTEMBER 2019 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter increased by 6 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 12 new licenses were issued this quarter with Accommodation and food service activities contributing the highest.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning declined by 4 over the same period last year. A total of 8 building permits were issued this quarter with Residential building permits contributing the highest.
- Earthmoving permits issued for this quarter increased by 11 over the same period last year. A total of 86 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.