

PHILIPPINE IMPORTS BY MAJOR TYPE OF GOODS  
 APRIL, MARCH 1997 AND APRIL 1996  
 (FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	1997		1996	Growth Rate		Jan-Apr
	APRIL FOB Value	MARCH FOB Value	APRIL FOB Value	Monthly (%)	Annual	1997 FOB Value
Total Imports	2,941,911	2,935,164	2,811,146	0.23	4.65	11,341,502
Capital Goods	1,088,608	934,658	928,656	16.47	17.22	3,999,060
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	347,306	301,198	284,894	15.31	21.91	1,313,539
Office & EDP Machines	96,191	91,452	62,065	5.18	54.98	366,801
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	461,402	422,972	318,792	9.09	44.73	1,746,620
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	77,501	58,291	58,635	32.96	32.18	276,245
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	66,430	20,210	169,353	228.70	-60.77	145,884
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	39,778	40,536	34,917	-1.87	13.92	149,970
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,249,065	1,332,349	1,195,573	-6.25	4.47	4,918,705
Unprocessed Raw Materials	145,567	152,328	128,188	-4.44	13.56	537,024
Wheat	23,826	40,834	37,101	-41.65	-35.78	107,440
Corn	173	19,088	5,090	-99.09	-96.60	23,774
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	124	374	317	-66.84	-60.88	888
Crude materials, inedible	114,727	79,798	74,517	43.77	53.96	370,776
Pulp & waste paper	6,861	6,950	9,314	-1.28	-26.34	23,336
Cotton	13,217	10,610	9,144	24.57	44.54	40,447
Syn. Fibers	12,539	11,000	10,945	13.99	14.56	43,321
Metalliferous ores	46,193	24,039	12,755	92.16	262.16	131,515
Others	35,917	27,198	32,359	32.06	11.00	132,158
Tobacco, unmanufactured	6,717	12,234	11,163	-45.10	-39.83	34,146
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,103,497	1,180,021	1,067,385	-6.48	3.38	4,381,681
Feeding stuffs for animals	31,143	22,469	13,472	38.60	131.17	100,808
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	7,221	6,389	3,415	13.02	111.45	22,524
Chemical	244,421	269,246	222,051	-9.22	10.07	929,050
Chemical compounds	57,712	74,584	60,017	-22.62	-3.84	233,053
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	28,320	30,099	26,326	-5.91	7.57	108,128
Urea	9,822	7,811	5,037	25.75	95.00	29,909
Fertilizer excl. urea	8,080	7,156	4,791	12.91	68.65	22,985
Artificial resins	82,085	91,069	71,639	-9.87	14.58	312,055
Others	58,403	58,527	54,241	-0.21	7.67	222,921
Manufactured goods	360,301	347,659	304,521	3.64	18.32	1,333,520
Paper & paper products	26,701	28,136	21,525	-5.10	24.05	106,185
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	86,250	93,859	66,414	-8.11	29.87	321,210
Non-metallic mineral manufacture	28,092	28,798	28,421	-2.45	-1.16	106,446

Iron & steel	121,575	98,707	94,611	23.17	28.50	421,556
Non-ferrous metals	31,663	32,622	29,118	-2.94	8.74	114,769
Metal products	43,911	37,444	37,205	17.27	18.02	161,474
Others	22,109	28,092	27,226	-21.30	-18.79	101,880
Embroideries	34,082	27,569	26,842	23.62	26.97	116,425
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqpt.	419,114	505,142	492,630	-17.03	-14.92	1,856,402
Iron ore, not agglomerated	7,215	1,548	4,454	0.00	61.99	22,952
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	187,598	303,120	258,277	-38.11	-27.37	1,048,334
Coal, Coke	7,370	11,287	4,980	-34.70	47.99	30,169
Petroleum crude	150,359	249,778	188,495	-39.80	-20.23	877,624
Others	29,869	42,055	64,802	-28.98	-53.91	140,541
Consumer Goods	318,454	269,329	340,959	18.24	-6.60	1,032,164
Durable	134,695	134,495	142,890	0.15	-5.74	518,921
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	67,235	62,148	77,198	8.19	-12.91	266,411
Home appliances	11,179	14,193	9,810	-21.24	13.96	44,596
Misc. manufactures	56,281	58,155	55,882	-3.22	0.71	207,914
Non-Durable	183,759	134,833	198,069	36.29	-7.22	513,243
Food & live animals chiefly for food	168,121	124,699	188,598	34.82	-10.86	473,648
Dairy products	37,988	37,289	35,404	1.87	7.30	146,803
Fish & fish preparation	4,361	7,251	4,615	-39.86	-5.50	24,106
Rice	64,719	25,297	75,470	155.84	-14.25	90,172
Fruits & vegetables	12,650	10,919	8,886	15.85	42.36	43,554
Others	48,402	43,943	64,223	10.15	-24.63	169,014
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	10,302	4,398	4,859	134.24	112.02	20,212
Articles of apparel, access.	3,536	5,737	4,612	-38.36	-23.33	19,382
Special Transactions	98,186	95,707	87,681	2.59	11.98	343,239
Articles temporarily imported & exported	70,757	72,355	64,059	-2.21	10.46	242,052
Others	27,429	23,352	23,622	17.46	16.12	101,187

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Note: Components may not add up to total due to rounding.

Source: National Statistics Office