

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

Commodity Group	1997	July	1996	Growth Rate		Jan-Aug
	August FOB Value	July FOB Value	August FOB Value	(%) Monthly	Annual	1997 FOB Value
Total Imports	3,287,402	3,169,345	2,799,675	3.72	17.42	23,784,206
Capital Goods	1,342,394	1,288,424	911,692	4.19	47.24	8,846,972
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	346,683	346,769	336,566	-0.02	3.01	2,588,726
Office & EDP Machines	127,929	145,257	69,165	-11.93	84.96	851,856
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	536,540	644,328	342,071	-16.73	56.85	3,943,808
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	85,345	80,690	75,680	5.77	12.77	589,458
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	209,371	24,748	46,563	746.01	349.65	567,174
Prof.Sci. & Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	36,525	46,632	41,646	-21.67	-12.30	305,950
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,312,922	1,235,469	1,276,012	6.27	2.89	10,008,245
Unprocessed Raw Materials	167,630	159,527	165,682	5.08	1.18	1,135,777
Wheat	38,979	45,241	27,785	-13.84	40.29	253,206
Corn	17,197	14,817	106	16.06	16,123.58	45,986
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	148	202	122	-26.73	21.31	1,367
Crude materials, inedible	99,672	93,658	134,501	6.42	-25.89	755,612
Pulp & waste paper	5,768	6,955	10,472	-17.07	-44.92	48,871
Cotton	7,957	11,192	11,377	-28.90	-30.06	83,256
Syn. Fibers	7,884	8,069	11,508	-2.29	-31.49	82,262
Metalliferous ores	33,726	33,565	45,736	0.48	-26.26	264,505
Others	44,336	33,876	55,407	30.88	-19.98	276,719
					267.23	79,606
					3.15	8,872,469
Feeding stuffs for animals	38,315	19,099	16,157	100.61	137.14	210,623
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	7,012	5,486	6,947	27.82	0.94	43,296

Chemical	254,417	261,423	214,487	-2.68	18.62	1,896,518
Chemical compounds	53,492	65,808	52,954	-18.72	1.02	464,191
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	28,970	37,865	27,745	-23.49	4.42	224,654
Urea	8,868	12,451	15,069	-28.78	-41.15	68,543
Fertilizer excl. urea	24,000	12,057	4,749	99.05	405.37	83,668
Artificial resins	77,731	70,223	59,348	10.69	30.97	594,121
Others	61,356	63,018	54,623	-2.64	12.33	461,341
Manufactured goods	395,588	324,219	382,179	22.01	3.51	2,805,740
Paper & paper products	26,857	31,099	25,873	-13.64	3.80	230,827
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up	74,726	73,712	73,970	1.38	1.02	641,431
Non-metallic mineral manufacture	23,993	23,386	26,043	2.60	-7.87	203,947
Iron & steel	169,622	103,866	156,784	63.31	8.19	927,213
Non-ferrous metals	31,511	29,178	32,576	8.00	-3.27	249,363
Metal products	40,542	33,869	36,787	19.70	10.21	338,712
Others	28,335	29,110	30,146	-2.66	-6.01	214,247
Embroideries	31,521	30,849	30,927	2.18	1.92	241,625
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqp	405,511	428,198	447,100	-5.30	-9.30	3,620,739
Iron ore, not agglomerated	12,930	6,668	12,532	0.00	3.18	53,928
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	270,522	276,565	263,363	-2.19	2.72	2,081,995
Coal, Coke	3,292	7,401	8,469	-55.52	-61.13	55,474
Petroleum crude	226,829	215,875	215,571	5.07	5.22	1,725,444
Others	40,401	53,288	39,322	-24.18	2.74	301,077
Consumer Goods	270,980	268,631	254,737	0.87	6.38	2,136,701
Durable	133,075	135,430	129,170	-1.74	3.02	1,038,024
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	54,426	49,873	66,231	9.13	-17.82	472,429
Home appliances	13,571	12,489	10,694	8.66	26.90	95,542
Misc. manufactures	65,078	73,068	52,245	-10.94	24.56	470,053
Non-Durable	137,905	133,201	125,567	3.53	9.83	1,098,677
Food & live animals chiefly for foo	123,247	119,079	116,683	3.50	5.63	1,015,583
Dairy products	34,966	30,840	28,111	13.38	24.39	277,402
Fish & fish preparation	8,447	3,840	4,043	119.97	108.93	46,597
Rice	70	13,414	46	-99.48	52.17	207,475
Fruits & vegetables	11,562	12,007	9,098	-3.71	27.08	84,922
Others	68,202	58,978	75,385	15.64	-9.53	399,187
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	8,565	8,003	4,078	7.02	110.03	41,389
Articles of apparel, access.	6,093	6,119	4,806	-0.42	26.78	41,705
Special Transactions	90,584	100,256	93,872	-9.65	-3.50	710,293
Articles temporarily imported & exported	74,488	72,618	72,186	2.58	3.19	503,951
Others	16,096	27,638	21,687	-41.76	-25.78	206,342

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

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