

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

Commodity Group	1997		1996	Growth Rate (%)		Jan-Sept 1997
	September FOB Value	August FOB Value	September FOB Value	Monthly	Annual	FOB Value
Total Imports	2,875,466	3,287,443	2,870,063	-12.53	0.19	26,660,489
Capital Goods	1,130,366	1,344,388	1,191,846	-15.92	-5.16	9,979,468
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	285,892	347,573	324,857	-17.75	-11.99	2,875,508
Office & EDP Machines	139,533	127,481	82,010	9.45	70.14	990,941
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	561,774	536,788	384,908	4.65	45.95	4,505,945
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	67,877	86,423	78,099	-21.46	-13.09	658,412
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	40,205	209,189	284,324	-80.78	-85.86	607,197
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	35,086	36,934	37,648	-5.00	-6.81	341,465
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,232,545	1,295,132	1,069,801	-4.83	15.21	11,238,160
Unprocessed Raw Materials	128,753	152,231	107,242	-15.42	20.06	1,264,531
Wheat	36,968	38,979	18,062	-5.16	104.67	290,174
Corn	798	1,797	83	-55.59	861.45	46,784
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	225	148	71	52.03	216.90	1,592
Crude materials, inedible	72,576	99,672	85,661	-27.19	-15.28	828,189
Pulp & waste paper	6,141	5,765	5,513	6.52	11.39	55,008
Cotton	8,383	7,957	10,765	5.35	-22.13	91,639
Syn. Fibers	7,947	7,884	6,587	0.80	20.65	90,209
Metalliferous ores	12,061	33,723	27,888	-64.24	-56.75	276,562
Others	38,044	44,343	34,907	-14.21	8.99	314,770
Tobacco, unmanufactured	18,186	11,635	3,365	56.30	440.45	97,792
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,103,792	1,142,901	962,558	-3.42	14.67	9,973,629
Feeding stuffs for animals	19,569	38,281	20,382	-48.88	-3.99	230,159
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	4,424	4,921	4,262	-10.10	3.80	45,630
Chemical	257,577	254,330	196,822	1.28	30.87	2,153,979
Chemical compounds	70,134	53,480	49,494	31.14	41.70	534,284
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	24,766	29,017	27,692	-14.65	-10.57	249,467
Urea	4,393	8,868	5,685	-50.46	-22.73	72,936
Fertilizer excl. urea	12,128	24,000	3,063	-49.47	295.95	95,796
Artificial resins	80,044	77,666	63,077	3.06	26.90	674,100
Others	66,112	61,299	47,811	7.85	38.28	527,396
Manufactured goods	355,919	394,736	338,257	-9.83	5.22	3,160,666
Paper & paper products	32,509	26,196	27,192	24.10	19.55	262,675
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up	80,848	74,656	74,651	8.29	8.30	722,208
Non-metallic mineral manufacture	22,202	24,025	23,287	-7.59	-4.66	226,181

Iron & steel	109,118	169,235	113,756	-35.52	-4.08	1,035,943
Non-ferrous metals	34,292	31,495	31,943	8.88	7.35	283,498
Metal products	53,456	40,471	36,718	32.08	45.59	392,097
Others	23,494	28,658	30,710	-18.02	-23.50	238,064
Embroideries	29,598	31,533	28,394	-6.14	4.24	271,235
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqpt.	432,010	404,827	371,682	6.71	16.23	4,051,994
Iron ore, not agglomerated	4,695	14,273	2,759	0.00	70.17	59,966
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	178,476	272,444	256,099	-34.49	-30.31	2,262,394
Coal, Coke	5,592	5,140	7,533	8.79	-25.77	62,915
Petroleum crude	128,848	226,829	212,013	-43.20	-39.23	1,854,292
Others	44,036	40,475	36,553	8.80	20.47	345,187
Consumer Goods	257,883	269,860	277,579	-4.44	-7.10	2,393,463
Durable	116,216	132,469	153,456	-12.27	-24.27	1,153,634
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	37,205	53,731	92,058	-30.76	-59.59	508,940
Home appliances	11,843	13,568	8,490	-12.71	39.49	107,382
Misc. manufactures	67,168	65,169	52,907	3.07	26.95	537,312
Non-Durable	141,667	137,391	124,123	3.11	14.13	1,239,829
Food & live animals chiefly for food	128,240	123,323	115,983	3.99	10.57	1,143,899
Dairy products	37,307	34,725	29,235	7.44	27.61	314,468
Fish & fish preparation	18,601	8,437	2,760	120.47	573.95	65,187
Rice	9	70	4,361	-87.14	-99.79	207,484
Fruits & vegetables	11,348	11,480	8,385	-1.15	35.34	96,188
Others	60,975	68,611	71,242	-11.13	-14.41	460,572
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	6,738	7,958	3,414	-15.33	97.36	47,520
Articles of apparel, access.	6,688	6,110	4,726	9.46	41.52	48,410
Special Transactions	76,195	105,620	74,738	-27.86	1.95	787,005
Articles temporarily imported & exported	59,258	74,616	56,277	-20.58	5.30	563,323
Others	16,937	31,004	18,461	-45.37	-8.26	223,682

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

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