

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

Commodity Group	1997		1996	Growth Rate		Jan-Oct
	OCTOBER FOB Value	SEPTEMBER FOB Value	OCTOBER FOB Value	Monthly (%)	Annual (%)	1997 FOB Value
Total Imports	3,340,116	2,875,476	2,858,506	16.16	16.85	30,000,616
Capital Goods	1,287,835	1,132,068	1,045,141	13.76	23.22	11,269,403
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	327,792	287,263	351,311	14.11	-6.69	3,204,940
Office & EDP Machines	146,659	139,811	82,598	4.90	77.56	1,137,879
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	669,979	562,657	407,385	19.07	64.46	5,176,823
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	56,113	67,764	86,628	-17.19	-35.23	714,413
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	46,902	40,216	69,630	16.63	-32.64	654,109
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	40,391	34,357	47,588	17.56	-15.12	381,239
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,325,181	1,228,872	1,166,037	7.84	13.65	12,564,049
Unprocessed Raw Materials	152,011	128,717	156,530	18.10	-2.89	1,416,505
Wheat	52,817	36,968	30,043	42.87	75.80	342,991
Corn	2,679	798	159	235.71	1,584.91	49,464
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	132	225	109	-41.33	21.10	1,724
Crude materials, inedible	85,479	72,540	124,998	17.84	-31.62	913,631
Pulp & waste paper	6,955	6,141	6,923	13.26	0.46	61,963
Cotton	5,821	8,417	11,055	-30.84	-47.35	97,494
Syn. Fibers	8,207	7,956	8,503	3.15	-3.48	98,425
Metalliferous ores	25,649	12,060	50,296	112.68	-49.00	302,210
Others	38,848	37,966	48,220	2.32	-19.44	353,539
Tobacco, unmanufactured	10,903	18,186	1,222	-40.05	792.23	108,695
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,173,171	1,100,155	1,009,507	6.64	16.21	11,147,544
Feeding stuffs for animals	40,762	19,570	9,656	108.29	322.14	271,097
					63.17	51,587
					26.63	2,423,976
Chemical compounds	52,727	71,517	51,269	-26.27	2.84	588,393
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	33,880	24,766	25,109	36.80	34.93	283,346

Urea	6,274	4,393	12,522	42.82	-49.90	79,210
Fertilizer excl. urea	18,866	12,273	17,320	53.72	8.93	114,807
Artificial resins	89,804	78,822	57,204	13.93	56.99	762,682
Others	72,942	61,312	53,343	18.97	36.74	595,538
Manufactured goods	337,233	353,611	313,593	-4.63	7.54	3,495,592
Paper & paper products	32,910	32,426	25,630	1.49	28.40	295,502
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up	78,059	80,841	66,508	-3.44	17.37	800,260
Non-metallic mineral manufacture	18,366	22,082	21,904	-16.83	-16.15	244,427
Iron & steel	94,538	108,052	99,242	-12.51	-4.74	1,129,416
Non-ferrous metals	52,960	34,045	30,892	55.56	71.44	336,211
Metal products	37,664	52,880	35,632	-28.77	5.70	429,184
Others	22,736	23,285	33,785	-2.36	-32.70	260,592
Embroideries	31,921	29,523	24,852	8.12	28.44	303,066
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqp	466,397	435,339	427,862	7.13	9.01	4,525,942
Iron ore, not agglomerated	16,318	4,695	13,071	0.00	24.84	76,284
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	336,596	182,917	269,694	84.02	24.81	2,603,430
Coal, Coke	14,290	5,592	10,215	155.54	39.89	77,204
Petroleum crude	224,762	128,848	218,698	74.44	2.77	2,079,054
Others	97,545	48,477	40,781	101.22	139.19	447,172
Consumer Goods	264,567	242,329	293,885	9.18	-9.98	2,642,924
Durable	143,032	116,130	166,259	23.17	-13.97	1,297,027
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	47,293	37,086	92,596	27.52	-48.93	556,114
Home appliances	18,172	11,855	14,386	53.29	26.32	125,973
Misc. manufactures	77,567	67,189	59,277	15.45	30.86	614,940
Non-Durable	121,535	126,198	127,626	-3.69	-4.77	1,345,896
Food & live animals chiefly for foo	102,451	113,475	115,311	-9.71	-11.15	1,231,585
Dairy products	27,451	37,405	31,049	-26.61	-11.59	342,017
Fish & fish preparation	6,703	5,449	5,663	23.01	18.36	58,739
Rice	67	9	1,432	644.44	-95.32	207,551
Fruits & vegetables	14,016	10,919	11,919	28.36	17.59	109,775
Others	54,214	59,693	65,248	-9.18	-16.91	513,503
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	12,509	6,672	7,363	87.49	69.89	59,963
Articles of apparel, access.	6,575	6,051	4,952	8.66	32.77	54,348
Special Transactions	125,937	89,291	83,749	41.04	50.37	920,810
Articles temporarily imported & exported	93,119	59,267	61,265	57.12	51.99	652,820
Others	32,689	30,024	22,485	8.88	45.38	267,861

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

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