

PHILIPPINE IMPORTS BY MAJOR TYPE OF GOODS  
 FEBRUARY, JANUARY 1998 AND FEBRUARY 1997  
 (FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

| Commodity Group   | 1998                  |                      | 1997                  | Growth Rate    |        | Jan-Feb           |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------|-------------------|
|   | FEBRUARY<br>FOB Value | JANUARY<br>FOB Value | FEBRUARY<br>FOB Value | (%)<br>Monthly | Annual | 1998<br>FOB Value |
| Total Imports   | 2,584,601             | 2,837,902            | 2,626,539             | -8.93          | -1.60  | 5,422,503         |
| Capital Goods   | 1,045,348             | 1,295,129            | 932,833               | -19.29         | 12.06  | 2,340,479         |
| Power Generating & Specialized Machines                       | 209,168               | 303,355              | 327,569               | -31.05         | -36.15 | 512,524           |
| Office & EDP Machines   | 132,528               | 159,985              | 93,686                | -17.16         | 41.46  | 292,514           |
| Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.                        | 559,855               | 642,750              | 390,740               | -12.90         | 43.28  | 1,202,605         |
| Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger                          |                       |                      |                       |                |        |                   |
| Cars & Motorized Cycle  | 27,197                | 34,068               | 67,855                | -20.17         | -59.92 | 61,265            |
| Aircraft, Ships and Boats                                     | 77,613                | 117,919              | 24,591                | -34.18         | 215.62 | 195,532           |
| Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt.<br>& Optical Goods | 38,987                | 37,051               | 28,393                | 5.23           | 37.31  | 76,039            |
| Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods                            | 1,075,550             | 1,024,830            | 1,166,328             | 4.95           | -7.78  | 2,100,381         |
| Unprocessed Raw Materials                                     | 96,976                | 88,109               | 114,810               | 10.06          | -15.53 | 185,084           |
| Wheat   | 23,641                | 12,962               | 27,743                | 82.39          | -14.79 | 36,603            |
| Corn  | 222                   | 328                  | 73                    | -32.32         | 204.11 | 550               |
| Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn                            | 105                   | 63                   | 221                   | 66.67          | -52.49 | 168               |
| Crude materials, inedible                                     | 70,305                | 71,098               | 77,361                | -1.12          | -9.12  | 141,402           |
| Pulp & waste paper  | 6,100                 | 6,382                | 4,563                 | -4.42          | 33.68  | 12,482            |
| Cotton  | 3,834                 | 6,892                | 6,810                 | -44.37         | -43.70 | 10,725            |
| Syn. Fibers   | 5,811                 | 6,788                | 9,109                 | -14.39         | -36.21 | 12,599            |
| Metalliferous ores  | 25,112                | 21,410               | 28,447                | 17.29          | -11.72 | 46,522            |
| Others  | 29,448                | 29,626               | 28,432                | -0.60          | 3.57   | 59,074            |
| Tobacco, unmanufactured                                       | 2,703                 | 3,659                | 9,412                 | -26.13         | -71.28 | 6,361             |
| Semi-Processed Raw Materials                                  | 978,574               | 936,721              | 1,051,518             | 4.47           | -6.94  | 1,915,297         |
| Feeding stuffs for animals                                    | 26,595                | 29,454               | 16,708                | -9.71          | 59.18  | 56,049            |
| Animal & vegetable oils & fats                                | 3,249                 | 5,300                | 4,550                 | -38.70         | -28.59 | 8,549             |
| Chemical  | 172,169               | 207,048              | 208,121               | -16.85         | -17.27 | 379,217           |
| Chemical compounds  | 41,280                | 54,290               | 49,971                | -23.96         | -17.39 | 95,570            |
| Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.                              | 23,484                | 31,810               | 29,206                | -26.17         | -19.59 | 55,294            |

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| Urea                                     | 2,247   | 6,102   | 4,869   | -63.18 | -53.85    | 8,349   |
| Fertilizer excl. urea                    | 10,351  | 6,592   | 3,742   | 57.02  | 176.62    | 16,943  |
| Artificial resins                        | 45,926  | 52,530  | 67,939  | -12.57 | -32.40    | 98,456  |
| Others                                   | 48,881  | 55,724  | 52,394  | -12.28 | -6.70     | 104,605 |
| Manufactured goods                       | 208,908 | 262,043 | 304,019 | -20.28 | -31.28    | 470,952 |
| Paper & paper products                   | 19,860  | 27,585  | 22,002  | -28.00 | -9.74     | 47,445  |
| Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up          | 54,181  | 64,492  | 67,867  | -15.99 | -20.17    | 118,673 |
| Non-metallic mineral manufacture         | 10,509  | 16,937  | 25,328  | -37.95 | -58.51    | 27,446  |
| Iron & steel                             | 54,849  | 69,314  | 102,035 | -20.87 | -46.24    | 124,163 |
| Non-ferrous metals                       | 22,016  | 24,469  | 22,095  | -10.02 | -0.36     | 46,486  |
| Metal products                           | 33,421  | 43,511  | 41,709  | -23.19 | -19.87    | 76,932  |
| Others                                   | 14,072  | 15,735  | 22,983  | -10.57 | -38.77    | 29,807  |
| Embroideries                             | 19,695  | 29,231  | 23,704  | -32.62 | -16.91    | 48,926  |
| Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqp      | 543,456 | 386,873 | 487,346 | 40.47  | 11.51     | 930,330 |
| Iron ore, not agglomerated               | 4,502   | 16,772  | 7,070   | -73.16 | -36.32    | 21,274  |
| Mineral Fuel & Lubricant                 | 180,111 | 207,927 | 240,987 | -13.38 | -25.26    | 388,038 |
| Coal, Coke                               | 10,613  | 10,340  | 6,239   | 2.64   | 70.11     | 20,953  |
| Petroleum crude                          | 126,774 | 171,721 | 199,045 | -26.17 | -36.31    | 298,495 |
| Others                                   | 42,724  | 25,866  | 35,703  | 65.17  | 19.67     | 68,590  |
| Consumer Goods                           | 176,015 | 221,656 | 213,171 | -20.59 | -17.43    | 397,670 |
| Durable                                  | 64,944  | 93,204  | 121,827 | -30.32 | -46.69    | 158,148 |
| Passenger cars & motorized cycle         | 22,739  | 34,105  | 68,039  | -33.33 | -66.58    | 56,844  |
| Home appliances                          | 7,544   | 7,847   | 10,170  | -3.86  | -25.82    | 15,391  |
| Misc. manufactures                       | 34,661  | 51,253  | 43,618  | -32.37 | -20.54    | 85,913  |
| Non-Durable                              | 111,071 | 128,452 | 91,344  | -13.53 | 21.60     | 239,522 |
| Food & live animals chiefly for foo      | 104,047 | 119,299 | 84,381  | -12.78 | 23.31     | 223,346 |
| Dairy products                           | 28,758  | 20,474  | 34,126  | 40.46  | -15.73    | 49,232  |
| Fish & fish preparation                  | 2,475   | 4,390   | 5,322   | -43.62 | -53.49    | 6,866   |
| Rice                                     | 39,496  | 53,598  | 50      | -26.31 | 78,892.00 | 93,094  |
| Fruits & vegetables                      | 5,475   | 7,166   | 9,976   | -23.60 | -45.12    | 12,640  |
| Others                                   | 27,843  | 33,671  | 34,907  | -17.31 | -20.24    | 61,514  |
| Beverages & tobacco mfture.              | 4,318   | 4,461   | 2,761   | -3.21  | 56.39     | 8,778   |
| Articles of apparel, access.             | 2,706   | 4,692   | 4,202   | -42.33 | -35.60    | 7,398   |
| Special Transactions                     | 107,577 | 88,360  | 73,220  | 21.75  | 46.92     | 195,935 |
| Articles temporarily imported & exported | 83,212  | 63,432  | 48,750  | 31.18  | 70.69     | 146,643 |
| Others                                   | 24,365  | 24,928  | 24,470  | -2.26  | -0.43     | 49,292  |

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

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