

TABLE 2. PHILIPPINE IMPORTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES
MARCH, FEBRUARY 1998 AND MARCH 1997
(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)

COMMODITY	1998		1997	GROWTH RATES (%)	
	MARCH	FEBRUARY	MARCH	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
TOTAL	2,614.36	2,585.23	2,935.16	1.1	-10.9
1.Electronics and components 1/	524.81	667.20	448.35	-21.3	17.1
2.Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 2/	272.15	222.23	275.39	22.5	-1.2
3.Industrial Machinery and Equipment	214.29	178.70	251.08	19.9	-14.7
4.Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	189.49	179.61	303.12	5.5	-37.5
5.Materials/accessories imported on consignment basis for the manufacture of other electrical and electronic machinery & equipment	182.99	222.37	204.37	-17.7	-10.5
6.Office and EDP Machines	167.65	133.35	91.45	25.7	83.3
7.Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles and related products 1/	112.18	74.03	121.43	51.5	-7.6
8.Iron and Steel	95.10	54.81	98.71	73.5	-3.7
9.Cereals and cereal preparations	74.50	70.17	91.43	6.2	-18.5
10.Transport equipment	69.30	127.76	140.65	-45.8	-50.7
11.Plastics in primary and non-primary forms	55.25	45.87	91.07	20.5	-39.3
12.Organic and inorganic chemical	45.99	41.30	74.58	11.4	-38.3
13.Professional, scientific and controlling instruments; photographic and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	39.93	34.55	40.54	15.6	-1.5
14.Power generating and Specialized Machinery	37.46	31.54	50.12	18.8	-25.3
15.Miscellaneous manufactured articles	37.07	24.08	42.74	53.9	-13.3
16.Metal Products	36.00	28.91	37.44	24.5	-3.8
17.Dairy products	26.94	28.76	37.29	-6.3	-27.7
18.Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	26.55	23.49	30.10	13.0	-11.8
19.Paper and Paper Products	26.02	19.55	28.14	33.1	-7.5
20.Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	25.30	25.13	27.68	0.6	-8.6
21.Non-Ferrous Metal	24.12	22.04	32.62	9.4	-26.1

22.Non-metallic Mineral Manufactures	16.12	10.52	28.80	53.3	-44.0
23.Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	14.86	25.11	24.04	-40.8	-38.2
24.Textiles fiber & their waste	13.07	10.18	21.99	28.4	-40.6
25.Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	12.46	26.56	22.47	-53.1	-44.5
26.Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	11.35	11.01	16.06	3.1	-29.3
27.Rubber manufactured	8.96	7.32	17.19	22.4	-47.9
28.Fertilizers, manufactured	4.77	12.60	14.97	-62.2	-68.2
29.OTHERS	249.70	226.50	271.36	10.2	-8.0

1/includes on consignment and not on consignment
2/includes telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing
apparatus and equipment

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