

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

Commodity Group	1998		1997	Growth Rate		Jan-Mar
	MARCH FOB Value	FEBRUARY FOB Value	MARCH FOB Value	Monthly (%)	Annual	1998 FOB Value
Total Imports	2,614,364	2,585,235	2,935,164	1.13	-10.93	8,037,500
Capital Goods	1,088,389	1,047,584	934,798	3.90	16.43	3,431,104
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	251,743	210,236	301,198	19.74	-16.42	765,335
Office & EDP Machines	167,646	133,353	91,452	25.72	83.32	460,984
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	576,245	564,401	423,091	2.10	36.20	1,783,396
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	24,306	26,894	58,291	-9.62	-58.30	85,269
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	28,519	78,149	20,210	-63.51	41.12	224,588
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	39,929	34,551	40,557	15.57	-1.55	111,531
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,021,117	1,072,670	1,332,223	-4.81	-23.35	3,118,618
Unprocessed Raw Materials	88,518	95,583	152,328	-7.39	-41.89	272,210
Wheat	23,129	23,641	40,834	-2.17	-43.36	59,733
Corn	195	222	19,088	-12.21	-98.98	745
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	141	105	374	34.56	-62.23	309
Crude materials, inedible	61,254	68,912	79,798	-11.11	-23.24	201,264
Pulp & waste paper	5,612	5,334	6,950	5.20	-19.25	17,328
Cotton	3,349	3,834	10,610	-12.64	-68.44	14,075
Syn. Fibers	9,024	5,811	11,000	55.29	-17.96	21,623
Metalliferous ores	14,861	25,112	24,039	-40.82	-38.18	61,384
Others	28,407	28,821	27,198	-1.44	4.45	86,855
Tobacco, unmanufactured	3,799	2,703	12,234	40.56	-68.95	10,160
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	932,599	977,087	1,179,895	-4.55	-20.96	2,846,407
Feeding stuffs for animals	12,465	26,558	22,469	-53.07	-44.53	68,477
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	5,599	3,210	6,389	74.45	-12.36	14,110
Chemical	183,255	171,582	269,246	6.80	-31.94	561,884
Chemical compounds	45,993	41,298	74,584	11.37	-38.33	141,581
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	26,552	23,490	30,099	13.04	-11.78	81,852
Urea	763	2,247	7,811	-66.05	-90.23	9,112
Fertilizer excl. urea	4,003	10,351	7,156	-61.33	-44.06	20,945
Artificial resins	55,248	45,865	91,069	20.46	-39.33	153,644
Others	50,696	48,331	58,527	4.89	-13.38	154,750
Manufactured goods	295,070	204,133	347,658	44.55	-15.13	761,246
Paper & paper products	26,016	19,547	28,136	33.10	-7.54	73,147
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	81,054	54,325	93,859	49.20	-13.64	199,871
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,117	10,515	28,798	53.28	-44.03	43,569

Iron & steel	95,103	54,808	98,707	73.52	-3.65	219,225
Non-ferrous metals	24,117	22,038	32,622	9.43	-26.07	70,625
Metal products	36,005	28,914	37,444	24.52	-3.84	108,430
Others	16,659	13,985	28,092	19.12	-40.70	46,379
Embroideries	31,125	19,700	27,568	58.00	12.91	80,056
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqpt.	403,703	547,401	505,018	-26.25	-20.06	1,337,978
Iron ore, not agglomerated	1,382	4,502	1,548	-69.30	-10.69	22,657
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	189,489	179,612	303,120	5.50	-37.49	577,027
Coal, Coke	11,778	10,092	11,287	16.71	4.35	32,211
Petroleum crude	110,105	126,774	249,778	-13.15	-55.92	408,600
Others	67,606	42,745	42,055	58.16	60.76	136,217
Consumer Goods	197,141	173,820	269,328	13.42	-26.80	592,616
Durable	72,155	63,076	134,495	14.39	-46.35	228,435
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	16,479	22,719	62,148	-27.47	-73.48	73,302
Home appliances	4,908	7,568	14,193	-35.14	-65.42	20,322
Misc. manufactures	50,769	32,789	58,155	54.83	-12.70	134,810
Non-Durable	124,986	110,744	134,833	12.86	-7.30	364,181
Food & live animals chiefly for food	117,322	103,757	124,699	13.07	-5.92	340,378
Dairy products	26,942	28,758	37,289	-6.31	-27.75	76,174
Fish & fish preparation	2,561	2,478	7,251	3.35	-64.68	9,429
Rice	48,429	39,496	25,297	22.62	91.44	141,523
Fruits & vegetables	7,316	5,477	10,919	33.58	-32.99	19,959
Others	32,074	27,548	43,943	16.43	-27.01	93,292
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	3,280	4,318	4,398	-24.03	-25.41	12,058
Articles of apparel, access.	4,383	2,670	5,737	64.16	-23.60	11,745
Special Transactions	118,227	111,548	95,694	5.99	23.55	318,136
Articles temporarily imported & exported	87,637	84,492	72,357	3.72	21.12	235,561
Others	30,590	27,056	23,338	13.06	31.08	82,575

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

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