

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

Commodity Group	1998		1997	Growth Rate		Jan-Apr
	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL	(%)		1998
	FOB Value	FOB Value	FOB Value	Monthly	Annual	FOB Value
Total Imports	2,457,036	2,613,596	2,942,077	-5.99	-16.49	10,493,769
Capital Goods	1,027,506	1,091,033	1,090,004	-5.82	-5.73	4,461,254
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	224,880	248,269	346,933	-9.42	-35.18	986,741
Office & EDP Machines	147,702	166,264	96,151	-11.16	53.61	607,304
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	575,274	583,857	463,154	-1.47	24.21	2,366,283
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	27,225	24,248	77,427	12.28	-64.84	112,435
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	14,540	28,533	66,449	-49.04	-78.12	239,141
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	37,886	39,862	39,890	-4.96	-5.02	149,350
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	956,351	1,018,174	1,258,457	-6.07	-24.01	4,072,071
Unprocessed Raw Materials	78,938	88,543	150,247	-10.85	-47.46	351,174
Wheat	6,410	23,129	23,826	-72.29	-73.10	66,143
Corn	138	195	166	-28.97	-16.87	883
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	119	141	124	-16.09	-4.19	428
Crude materials, inedible	68,323	61,279	114,075	11.49	-40.11	269,612
Pulp & waste paper	8,269	5,597	6,840	47.74	20.90	25,582
Cotton	5,548	3,349	13,217	65.66	-58.02	19,623
Syn. Fibers	5,720	9,024	12,538	-36.62	-54.38	27,343
Metalliferous ores	29,165	14,861	46,193	96.24	-36.86	90,548
Others	19,621	28,447	35,287	-31.03	-44.40	106,516
Tobacco, unmanufactured	3,948	3,799	12,055	3.94	-67.25	14,108
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	877,413	929,631	1,108,210	-5.62	-20.83	3,720,897
Feeding stuffs for animals	11,564	12,464	31,055	-7.22	-62.76	80,041
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	3,176	5,535	6,882	-42.62	-53.85	17,221
Chemical	186,571	183,533	244,612	1.66	-23.73	748,733
Chemical compounds	46,963	45,908	57,699	2.30	-18.61	188,459
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	27,866	26,544	28,321	4.98	-1.61	109,710

Urea	4,931	763	9,822	546.34	-49.79	14,043
Fertilizer excl. urea	7,988	3,999	8,078	99.74	-1.11	28,929
Artificial resins	49,616	55,197	82,318	-10.11	-39.73	203,208
Others	49,207	51,121	58,375	-3.74	-15.70	204,383
Manufactured goods	251,589	294,525	360,271	-14.58	-30.17	1,012,289
Paper & paper products	22,315	26,122	26,701	-14.57	-16.43	95,568
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	77,519	81,014	85,944	-4.31	-9.80	277,350
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,467	16,117	28,092	-22.65	-55.62	56,036
Iron & steel	70,155	95,275	121,656	-26.37	-42.33	289,551
Non-ferrous metals	22,024	23,957	31,663	-8.07	-30.44	92,489
Metal products	31,458	35,352	43,901	-11.01	-28.34	139,236
Others	15,651	16,688	22,314	-6.21	-29.86	62,059
Embroideries	33,685	31,126	34,078	8.22	-1.15	113,742
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqpt.	386,072	401,066	424,097	-3.74	-8.97	1,721,458
Iron ore, not agglomerated	4,756	1,382	7,215	244.08	-34.08	27,413
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	162,466	189,316	187,474	-14.18	-13.34	739,320
Coal, Coke	6,238	11,713	7,370	-46.74	-15.35	38,383
Petroleum crude	122,798	110,104	150,359	11.53	-18.33	531,396
Others	33,429	67,499	29,745	-50.47	12.39	169,540
Consumer Goods	209,307	196,994	314,266	6.25	-33.40	801,776
Durable	74,656	71,986	134,996	3.71	-44.70	302,922
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	20,677	16,530	68,706	25.08	-69.91	94,031
Home appliances	5,646	4,846	10,363	16.52	-45.52	25,907
Misc. manufactures	48,333	50,610	55,926	-4.50	-13.58	182,984
Non-Durable	134,651	125,008	179,271	7.71	-24.89	498,855
Food & live animals chiefly for food	125,049	117,352	168,643	6.56	-25.85	465,456
Dairy products	18,928	26,942	38,115	-29.74	-50.34	95,102
Fish & fish preparation	7,552	2,565	4,684	194.37	61.21	16,985
Rice	56,580	48,429	64,719	16.83	-12.58	198,103
Fruits & vegetables	8,592	7,296	12,592	17.75	-31.77	28,531
Others	33,398	32,119	48,532	3.98	-31.18	126,735
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	3,991	3,274	5,292	21.93	-24.58	16,043
Articles of apparel, access.	5,611	4,383	5,336	28.02	5.15	17,355
Special Transactions	101,407	118,079	91,877	-14.12	10.37	419,348
Articles temporarily imported & exported	71,141	87,637	67,071	-18.82	6.07	306,702
Others	30,265	30,442	24,806	-0.58	22.01	112,647

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

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