TABLE 2. PHILIPPINE IMPORTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES: OCTOBER AND SEPTEMBER 1998 AND OCTOBER 1997 (F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)

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	COMMODITY	1 9 9 8		1997	GROWTH RATES (%)	
		OCTOBER	SEPT	OCTOBER	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
	TOTAL	2,417.37	2,454.45	3,413.80	-1.51	-29.19
1.	Electronics and components 1/	530.87	533.74	612.53	-0.54	-13.33
2.	Telecommunication equipment and electrical					
	machinery 2/	225.91	233.19	330.23	-3.12	-31.59
3.	Materials/accessories imported on consignment					
	basis for the manufacture of other electrical					
	and electronic machinery and equipment	221.38	180.20	203.08	22.85	9.01
4.	Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	173.28	169.84	329.89	2.02	-47.47
5.	Industrial Machinery and Equipment	161.91	170.09	275.61	-4.81	-41.25
6.	Office and EDP machines	142.16	129.34	146.74	9.91	-3.12
7.	Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles and					
	related products 1/	88.84	90.18	110.15	-1.49	-19.35
8.	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	69.47	68.17	54.31	1.90	27.92
9.	Transport equipment	61.99	96.60	148.32	-35.83	-58.21
10.	Cereals and cereal preparations	55.33	67.01	68.01	-17.43	-18.63
11.	Iron and Steel	48.39	75.19	100.37	-35.65	-51.79
12.	Organic and inorganic chemical	43.86	43.83	52.75	0.08	-16.84
13.	Plastics in primary and non-primary forms	42.98	46.68	90.65	-7.91	-52.58
14.	Professional, scientific and controlling					
	instruments; photograpic and optical goods,					
	n.e.s.; watches and clocks	33.79	28.90	40.44	16.94	-16.45
15.	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	32.70	13.33	25.65	145.37	27.46
16.	Power generating and specialized machinery	32.65	49.16	56.90	-33.58	-42.62
17.	Dairy products	32.01	30.72	29.42	4.18	8.80
18.	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	27.52	21.58	32.91	27.54	-16.36
19.	Non-Ferrous metal	24.38	23.45	36.39	3.97	-33.00
20.	Metal products	24.16	26.32	38.50	-8.23	- 37.26
21.	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	23.69	27.92	34.01	-15.14	-30.35
22.	Paper and paper products	21.07	18.57	29.77	13.48	-29.20
23.	Textiles fiber & their waste	13.54	16.07	14.39	-15.78	-5.91
24.	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	12.22	11.82	17.71	3.33	-31.01

25.	Feeding stuff for animals (not including					
	unmilled cereals	12.11	24.66	44.72	-50.90	- 72 . 93
26.	Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10.78	10.29	18.20	4.69	-40.80
27.	Rubber manufactured	6.87	8.95	12.18	-23.23	-43.57
28.	Fertilizers, manufactured	6.48	4.38	25.14	48.00	-74.22
29.	OTHERS	237.04	234.27	434.84	1.18	-45.49

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

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