

PHILIPPINE IMPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP
MARCH AND FEBRUARY 1999 AND MARCH 1998
(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	1999		1998	Growth Rate		Jan-Mar
	MARCH FOB Value	FEBRUARY FOB Value	MARCH FOB Value	Monthly (%)	Annual	1999 FOB Value
Total Imports	2,651,704	2,254,986	2,613,596	17.59	1.46	7,305,135
Capital Goods	971,336	923,861	1,091,033	5.14	-10.97	2,874,632
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	217,600	192,250	248,269	13.19	-12.35	637,208
Office & EDP Machines	122,484	105,346	166,264	16.27	-26.33	346,571
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	534,894	534,203	583,857	0.13	-8.39	1,629,665
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	51,283	56,957	24,248	-9.96	111.50	132,439
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	10,324	1,380	28,533	648.36	-63.82	31,625
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	34,751	33,726	39,862	3.04	-12.82	97,124
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,128,208	885,397	1,018,174	27.42	10.81	2,981,858
Unprocessed Raw Materials	154,050	61,661	88,543	149.83	73.98	307,873
Wheat	31,427	11,911	23,129	163.85	35.87	61,836
Corn	623	563	195	10.73	219.99	1,622
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	232	162	141	42.97	64.37	564
Crude materials, inedible	111,197	41,639	61,279	167.05	81.46	215,595
Pulp & waste paper	6,068	4,192	5,597	44.76	8.41	14,403
Cotton	5,007	2,548	3,349	96.51	49.50	13,762
Syn. Fibers	7,337	5,317	9,024	37.99	-18.70	19,794
Metalliferous ores	32,545	4,474	14,861	627.36	118.99	57,506
Others	60,240	25,108	28,447	139.92	111.76	110,130
Tobacco, unmanufactured	10,571	7,386	3,799	43.12	178.27	28,257
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	974,158	823,736	929,631	18.26	4.79	2,673,985
Feeding stuffs for animals	20,332	18,742	12,464	8.49	63.12	56,534
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	6,338	6,112	5,535	3.71	14.51	16,847
Chemical	204,788	175,189	183,533	16.90	11.58	552,676
Chemical compounds	53,730	48,023	45,908	11.88	17.04	149,333
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	30,145	27,464	26,544	9.76	13.57	78,555
Urea	3,809	6,895	763	-	399.18	19,583
Fertilizer excl. urea	5,805	5,840	3,999	-0.61	45.16	23,629
Artificial resins	52,212	37,251	55,197	40.16	-5.41	130,497
Others	59,088	49,714	51,121	18.85	15.58	151,080
Manufactured goods	259,936	203,726	294,525	27.59	-11.74	663,590
Paper & paper products	25,651	17,347	26,122	47.87	-1.80	66,296
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	78,087	55,792	81,014	39.96	-3.61	186,035
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	15,386	12,690	16,117	21.25	-4.53	40,875
Iron & steel	66,900	59,840	95,275	11.80	-29.78	175,896
Non-ferrous metals	28,116	21,788	23,957	29.05	17.36	75,769
Metal products	23,941	19,117	35,352	25.23	-32.28	65,263
Others	21,853	17,152	16,688	27.41	30.95	53,456
Embroideries	28,802	19,778	31,126	45.62	-7.47	74,346
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqpt.	442,351	398,752	401,066	10.93	10.29	1,287,069
Iron ore, not agglomerated	11,611	1,438	1,382	707.59	740.02	22,922
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	169,487	121,546	189,316	39.44	-10.47	425,934
Coal, Coke	5,575	3,179	11,713	75.39	-52.40	18,627
Petroleum crude	131,755	99,724	110,104	32.12	19.66	334,571
Others	32,156	18,643	67,499	72.48	-52.36	72,735
Consumer Goods	227,343	216,698	196,994	4.91	15.41	660,131
Durable	77,194	68,996	71,986	11.88	7.24	206,628
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	21,462	20,911	16,530	2.64	29.83	57,771
Home appliances	8,178	7,562	4,846	8.13	68.75	22,790
Misc. manufactures	47,554	40,523	50,610	17.35	-6.04	126,067
Non-Durable	150,149	147,702	125,008	1.66	20.11	453,503
Food & live animals chiefly for food	140,005	142,335	117,352	-1.64	19.30	429,087
Dairy products	29,250	18,910	26,942	54.68	8.57	71,832
Fish & fish preparation	8,200	9,010	2,565	-8.99	219.65	22,406
Rice	33,761	49,296	48,429	-31.51	-30.29	146,505
Fruits & vegetables	12,593	12,016	7,296	4.80	72.59	34,521
Others	56,201	53,103	32,119	5.83	74.98	153,824
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	5,164	2,050	3,274	151.92	57.75	11,847
Articles of apparel, access.	4,980	3,316	4,383	50.18	13.63	12,569
Special Transactions	155,330	107,484	118,079	44.51	31.55	362,579
Articles temporarily imported & exported	127,066	77,150	87,637	64.70	44.99	272,677
Others	28,263	30,334	30,442	-6.83	-7.16	89,902

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

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