

PHILIPPINE IMPORTS BY MAJOR TYPE OF GOODS
 APRIL AND MARCH 1999 AND APRIL 1998
 (FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	1999		1998	Growth Rate (%)		Jan-Apr
	APRIL FOB Value	MARCH FOB Value	APRIL FOB Value	Monthly	Annual	1999 FOB Value
Total Imports	2,597,476	2,651,710	2,457,455	-2.05	5.70	9,902,616
Capital Goods	940,970	970,536	1,025,489	-3.05	-8.24	3,814,891
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	229,498	216,634	222,497	5.94	3.15	865,737
Office & EDP Machines	129,335	121,710	146,787	6.27	-11.89	475,132
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	508,456	535,531	576,219	-5.06	-11.76	2,138,850
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	40,935	51,333	27,070	-20.26	51.22	173,423
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	7,919	10,317	14,583	-23.24	-45.70	39,537
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	24,827	35,012	38,333	-29.09	-35.23	122,212
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,137,845	1,130,531	959,875	0.65	18.54	4,122,233
Unprocessed Raw Materials	126,657	153,779	80,851	-17.64	56.65	434,259
Wheat	35,708	31,427	7,699	13.62	363.80	97,544
Corn	179	624	125	-71.38	43.45	1,802
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	134	232	150	-42.33	-10.89	698
Crude materials, inedible	77,136	110,925	68,930	-30.46	11.90	292,459
Pulp & waste paper	10,473	6,068	8,346	72.60	25.49	24,876
Cotton	6,791	5,007	5,544	35.64	22.50	20,553
Syn. Fibers	6,504	7,337	5,959	-11.35	9.15	26,298
Metalliferous ores	21,272	32,548	29,168	-34.64	-27.07	78,782
Others	32,095	59,965	19,913	-46.48	61.18	141,949
Tobacco, unmanufactured	13,500	10,571	3,947	27.71	242.02	41,757
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,011,188	976,751	879,024	3.53	15.04	3,687,974
Feeding stuffs for animals	8,080	20,332	13,272	-60.26	-39.12	64,614
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	8,623	6,266	3,196	37.61	169.82	25,398
Chemical	198,912	204,909	186,819	-2.93	6.47	751,619
Chemical compounds	50,955	53,765	47,001	-5.23	8.41	200,323
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	25,726	30,141	27,861	-14.65	-7.66	104,272
Urea	6,622	3,809	4,931	73.88	34.29	26,205
Fertilizer excl. urea	7,784	5,805	7,988	34.08	-2.55	31,412
Artificial resins	48,905	52,124	49,448	-6.18	-1.10	179,225
Others	58,921	59,266	49,590	-0.58	18.82	210,181
Manufactured goods	294,914	260,292	248,264	13.30	18.79	958,871
Paper & paper products	26,047	25,686	21,643	1.41	20.35	92,377
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	83,921	78,101	76,658	7.45	9.47	269,970
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	15,632	15,458	12,011	1.12	30.15	56,578
Iron & steel	91,729	66,872	69,576	37.17	31.84	267,597
Non-ferrous metals	28,414	28,420	22,010	-0.02	29.10	104,500
Metal products	29,122	23,948	30,720	21.61	-5.20	94,392
Others	20,048	21,806	15,645	-8.06	28.14	73,457
Embroideries	34,031	28,843	33,662	17.99	1.10	108,434
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqpt.	466,628	444,499	389,056	4.98	19.94	1,756,116
Iron ore, not agglomerated	0	11,611	4,756	-100.00	-100.00	22,922
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	165,647	169,281	162,395	-2.15	2.00	591,375
Coal, Coke	7,188	5,575	6,238	28.92	15.22	25,815
Petroleum crude	141,069	131,755	122,791	7.07	14.89	475,641
Others	17,390	31,950	33,366	-45.57	-47.88	89,919
Consumer Goods	217,937	227,293	208,578	-4.12	4.49	878,015
Durable	87,257	77,054	74,376	13.24	17.32	293,741
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	24,672	21,437	20,718	15.09	19.08	82,418
Home appliances	12,776	8,125	5,658	57.24	125.81	35,513
Misc. manufactures	49,810	47,492	48,001	4.88	3.77	175,810
Non-Durable	130,680	150,239	134,202	-13.02	-2.62	584,273
Food & live animals chiefly for food	119,757	140,118	124,603	-14.53	-3.89	548,957
Dairy products	24,754	29,288	18,856	-15.48	31.28	96,624
Fish & fish preparation	9,070	8,235	7,527	10.14	20.50	31,511
Rice	23,593	33,761	56,591	-30.12	-58.31	170,098
Fruits & vegetables	10,477	12,601	8,114	-16.86	29.13	45,007
Others	51,863	56,232	33,516	-7.77	54.74	205,718
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	7,679	5,137	3,947	49.47	94.56	19,500
Articles of apparel, access.	3,244	4,984	5,652	-34.91	-42.60	15,816
Special Transactions	135,077	154,069	101,118	-12.33	33.58	496,102
Articles temporarily imported & exported	99,955	125,810	71,196	-20.55	40.40	371,376
Others	35,121	28,259	29,922	24.28	17.38	124,726

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

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