

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

Commodity Group	1999		1998	Growth Rate (%)		Jan-Aug
	AUGUST FOB Value	JULY FOB Value	AUGUST FOB Value	Monthly	Annual	1999 FOB Value
Total Imports	2,661,309	2,791,471	2,508,465	-4.66	6.09	20,560,081
Capital Goods	994,731	1,008,995	990,336	-1.41	0.44	7,667,016
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	201,653	217,418	208,972	-7.25	-3.50	1,660,389
Office & EDP Machines	131,625	118,408	104,810	11.16	25.59	992,421
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	563,072	590,585	599,967	-4.66	-6.15	4,333,154
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	43,867	44,029	38,986	-0.37	12.52	347,283
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	24,052	3,469	8,663	593.31	177.64	71,997
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	30,462	35,087	28,939	-13.18	5.26	261,771
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,115,919	1,185,669	1,000,310	-5.88	11.56	8,707,685
Unprocessed Raw Materials	141,277	151,688	110,049	-6.86	28.38	1,027,381
Wheat	46,304	28,429	32,747	62.88	41.40	246,856
Corn	516	3,639	9,427	-85.81	-94.52	22,402
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	107	187	91	-42.96	17.63	1,239
Crude materials, inedible	88,780	112,794	59,112	-21.29	50.19	689,435
Pulp & waste paper	8,283	6,793	3,928	21.94	110.90	54,248
Cotton	6,643	7,988	4,525	-16.85	46.80	49,799
Syn. Fibers	6,809	8,452	7,179	-19.44	-5.15	56,085
Metalliferous ores	32,559	27,179	14,161	19.80	129.92	206,896
Others	34,486	62,382	29,319	-44.72	17.62	322,407
Tobacco, unmanufactured	5,570	6,638	8,673	-16.09	-35.78	67,448
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	974,643	1,033,981	890,261	-5.74	9.48	7,680,304
Feeding stuffs for animals	20,237	14,619	18,536	38.43	9.18	129,859
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	11,950	11,342	5,445	5.36	119.49	76,760
Chemical	215,746	222,689	198,183	-3.12	8.86	1,633,775
Chemical compounds	52,166	60,295	47,112	-13.48	10.73	422,289
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	33,482	31,362	20,737	6.76	61.46	236,164
Urea	1,708	7,061	11,639	-75.81	-85.32	57,504
Fertilizer excl. urea	9,229	5,485	16,569	68.27	-44.30	55,635
Artificial resins	50,539	54,033	49,971	-6.47	1.14	388,836
Others	68,621	64,454	52,154	6.47	31.57	473,349
Manufactured goods	251,672	311,103	245,347	-19.10	2.58	2,134,051
Paper & paper products	28,381	38,300	21,278	-25.90	33.38	216,101
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	68,380	72,557	64,557	-5.76	5.92	585,116
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,884	13,807	10,382	-6.68	24.11	109,241
Iron & steel	62,671	98,837	70,907	-36.59	-11.62	627,165
Non-ferrous metals	29,874	33,101	27,448	-9.75	8.84	227,495
Metal products	29,447	32,303	33,049	-8.84	-10.90	209,751
Others	20,035	22,199	17,726	-9.75	13.03	159,182
Embroideries	30,730	29,886	28,422	2.82	8.12	235,908
Mat/Acc for the mftr. of elect. eqpt.	444,308	437,265	386,160	1.61	15.06	3,436,218
Iron ore, not agglomerated	0	7,078	8,169	-100.00	-100.00	33,733
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	219,349	271,237	143,178	-19.13	53.20	1,444,156
Coal, Coke	6,073	7,747	10,182	-21.62	-40.36	54,526
Petroleum crude	170,395	236,755	71,568	-28.03	138.09	1,166,246
Others	42,881	26,734	61,428	60.40	-30.19	223,384
Consumer Goods	212,527	232,305	249,615	-8.51	-14.86	1,798,160
Durable	94,181	112,097	78,938	-15.98	19.31	698,851
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	25,243	34,518	17,429	-26.87	44.84	193,169
Home appliances	12,173	13,305	7,695	-8.51	58.20	83,048
Misc. manufactures	56,765	64,273	53,814	-11.68	5.48	422,634
Non-Durable	118,346	120,209	170,678	-1.55	-30.66	1,099,309
Food & live animals chiefly for food	108,376	113,027	160,369	-4.11	-32.42	1,022,804
Dairy products	24,152	26,874	26,442	-10.13	-8.66	198,369
Fish & fish preparation	7,564	4,330	6,506	74.68	16.26	54,405
Rice	3,151	1,313	55,866	139.98	-94.36	214,531
Fruits & vegetables	9,662	11,620	8,316	-16.85	16.19	90,580
Others	63,848	68,890	63,239	-7.32	0.96	464,919
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	6,461	2,929	6,284	120.61	2.83	43,670
Articles of apparel, access.	3,508	4,253	4,025	-17.50	-12.83	32,836
Special Transactions	118,782	93,264	125,026	27.36	-4.99	943,064
Articles temporarily imported & exported	90,811	68,525	84,115	32.52	7.96	718,983
Others	27,970	24,739	40,911	13.06	-31.63	224,082

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

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