

**Table 3 Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods**  
**October and September 2008 and October 2007**  
**(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)**

Commodity Group	2008				2007		Growth Rate (%)	
	October p FOB Value	% Share	September r FOB Value	% Share	October FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>4,577,117</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,863,668</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5,150,645</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>(5.89)</b>	<b>(11.14)</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>1,440,094</b>	<b>31.46</b>	<b>1,401,532</b>	<b>28.82</b>	<b>1,614,191</b>	<b>31.34</b>	<b>2.75</b>	<b>(10.79)</b>
Power generating and specialized machines	217,125	4.74	259,897	5.34	232,139	4.51	(16.46)	(6.47)
Office and electronic data processing machines	239,198	5.23	245,445	5.05	315,527	6.13	(2.55)	(24.19)
Telecommunication equipment and electrical machines	763,719	16.69	755,714	15.54	869,318	16.88	1.06	(12.15)
Land transport equipment excluding passenger cars and motorized cycle	51,932	1.13	55,070	1.13	71,725	1.39	(5.70)	(27.60)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	122,444	2.68	41,596	0.86	76,246	1.48	194.37	60.59
Professional scientific and controlling instruments, photographic equipment and optical goods	45,677	1.00	43,811	0.90	49,237	0.96	4.26	(7.23)
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,712,828</b>	<b>37.42</b>	<b>1,785,623</b>	<b>36.71</b>	<b>2,060,322</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>(4.08)</b>	<b>(16.87)</b>
Unprocessed Raw Materials	160,714	3.51	181,118	3.72	134,983	2.62	(11.27)	19.06
Wheat	44,646	0.98	61,927	1.27	28,470	0.55	(27.90)	56.82
Corn	2,320	0.05	1,722	0.04	2,266	0.04	34.72	2.39
Unmilled cereals excluding rice and corn	715	0.02	1,035	0.02	614	0.01	(30.86)	16.41
Crude materials, inedible	96,084	2.10	88,342	1.82	95,194	1.85	8.76	0.94
Pulp & waste paper	5,204	0.11	4,659	0.10	4,653	0.09	11.69	11.83
Cotton	1,490	0.03	1,322	0.03	1,649	0.03	12.72	(9.68)
Syn. Fibers	4,495	0.10	8,911	0.18	8,785	0.17	(49.56)	(48.83)
Metalliferous ores	35,141	0.77	35,327	0.73	46,899	0.91	(0.53)	(25.07)
Others	49,754	1.09	38,123	0.78	33,207	0.64	30.51	49.83
Tobacco, unmanufactured	16,947	0.37	28,092	0.58	8,438	0.16	(39.67)	100.84
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,552,115	33.91	1,604,506	32.99	1,925,339	37.38	(3.27)	(19.38)
Feeding stuffs for animals	58,737	1.28	57,555	1.18	37,725	0.73	2.05	55.70
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	13,789	0.30	26,393	0.54	14,115	0.27	(47.75)	(2.31)
Chemical	421,225	9.20	388,050	7.98	336,111	6.53	8.55	25.32
Chemical compounds	111,965	2.45	96,015	1.97	91,556	1.78	16.61	22.29
Medicinal and pharmaceutical chemical	59,031	1.29	57,851	1.19	44,411	0.86	2.04	32.92
Urea	10,741	0.23	16,575	0.34	7,287	0.14	(35.20)	47.41
Fertilizer excl. urea	31,117	0.68	13,507	0.28	12,624	0.25	130.38	146.50
Artificial resins	94,312	2.06	89,755	1.85	87,585	1.70	5.08	7.68
Others	114,060	2.49	114,346	2.35	92,648	1.80	(0.25)	23.11
Manufactured goods	380,310	8.31	370,327	7.61	342,468	6.65	2.70	11.05
Paper & paper products	50,618	1.11	44,861	0.92	39,496	0.77	12.83	28.16
Textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles	56,245	1.23	60,666	1.25	72,010	1.40	(7.29)	(21.89)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	27,802	0.61	29,525	0.61	22,149	0.43	(5.83)	25.52
Iron & steel	110,616	2.42	109,229	2.25	100,794	1.96	1.27	9.74
Non-ferrous metals	70,575	1.54	69,877	1.44	55,068	1.07	1.00	28.16
Metal products	38,551	0.84	30,547	0.63	32,761	0.64	26.20	17.67
Others	25,904	0.57	25,622	0.53	20,189	0.39	1.10	28.31
Embroideries	9,555	0.21	8,211	0.17	17,306	0.34	16.37	(44.79)
Materials/Accessories for the manufacture of electrical equipment	668,498	14.61	753,970	15.50	1,166,347	22.64	(11.34)	(42.68)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	-	-	-	-	11,267	0.22	-	(100.00)
<b>Mineral Fuels, Lubricant &amp; Related Materials</b>	<b>903,538</b>	<b>19.74</b>	<b>970,318</b>	<b>19.95</b>	<b>951,362</b>	<b>18.47</b>	<b>(6.88)</b>	<b>(5.03)</b>
Coal, Coke	47,663	1.04	25,173	0.52	22,363	0.43	89.34	113.13
Petroleum crude	572,357	12.50	630,841	12.97	540,520	10.49	(9.27)	5.89
Others	283,519	6.19	314,304	6.46	388,478	7.54	(9.79)	(27.02)
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>466,665</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>637,184</b>	<b>13.10</b>	<b>449,020</b>	<b>8.72</b>	<b>(26.76)</b>	<b>3.93</b>
Durable	229,713	5.02	220,386	4.53	172,991	3.36	4.23	32.79
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	131,751	2.88	126,134	2.59	83,054	1.61	4.45	58.63
Home appliances	27,634	0.60	26,693	0.55	22,675	0.44	3.53	21.87
Misc. manufactures	70,328	1.54	67,559	1.39	67,262	1.31	4.10	4.56
Non-Durable	236,951	5.18	416,798	8.57	276,029	5.36	(43.15)	(14.16)
Food & live animals chiefly for food	223,376	4.88	401,106	8.25	261,286	5.07	(44.31)	(14.51)
Dairy products	63,362	1.38	53,169	1.09	41,317	0.80	19.17	53.35
Fish & fish preparation	8,851	0.19	8,811	0.18	17,112	0.33	0.46	(48.27)
Rice	26,976	0.59	203,221	4.18	88,532	1.72	(86.73)	(69.53)
Fruits & vegetables	22,618	0.49	21,625	0.44	16,742	0.33	4.59	35.09
Others	101,569	2.22	114,281	2.35	97,582	1.89	(11.12)	4.09
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	6,216	0.14	7,138	0.15	7,199	0.14	(12.92)	(13.66)
Articles of apparel, access.	7,359	0.16	8,554	0.18	7,544	0.15	(13.96)	(2.45)
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>53,992</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>69,011</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>75,751</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>(21.76)</b>	<b>(28.72)</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	24,508	0.54	28,478	0.59	21,530	0.42	(13.94)	13.84
Others	29,484	0.64	40,532	0.83	54,221	1.05	(27.26)	(45.62)

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*Source:* Foreign Trade Statistics Section  
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*Note:* Components may not add up to total due to rounding.  
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