

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

Commodity Group	2008				2007		Growth Rate (%)	
	March p FOB Value	% Share	February r FOB Value	% Share	March FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>5,121,224</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,491,460</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,566,515</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>14.02</b>	<b>12.15</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>1,434,514</b>	<b>28.01</b>	<b>1,363,716</b>	<b>30.36</b>	<b>1,438,197</b>	<b>31.49</b>	<b>5.19</b>	<b>(0.26)</b>
Power generating and specialized machines	205,124	4.01	193,262	4.30	213,986	4.69	6.14	(4.14)
Office and electronic data processing machines	256,677	5.01	252,762	5.63	300,178	6.57	1.55	(14.49)
Telecommunication equipment and electrical machines	778,977	15.21	760,282	16.93	774,654	16.96	2.46	0.56
Land transport equipment excluding passenger cars and motorized cycle	63,632	1.24	49,068	1.09	56,544	1.24	29.68	12.54
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	87,736	1.71	72,973	1.62	48,269	1.06	20.23	81.76
Professional scientific and controlling instruments, photographic equipment and optical goods	42,367	0.83	35,369	0.79	44,567	0.98	19.79	(4.93)
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,923,468</b>	<b>37.56</b>	<b>1,787,726</b>	<b>39.80</b>	<b>2,116,137</b>	<b>46.34</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>(9.10)</b>
Unprocessed Raw Materials	141,799	2.77	145,977	3.25	145,381	3.18	(2.86)	(2.46)
Wheat	72,392	1.41	81,130	1.81	44,153	0.97	(10.77)	63.96
Corn	2,207	0.04	825	0.02	1,144	0.03	167.41	92.94
Unmilled cereals excluding rice and corn	810	0.02	1,105	0.02	338	0.01	(26.65)	139.69
Crude materials, inedible	55,702	1.09	48,802	1.09	84,364	1.85	14.14	(33.97)
Pulp & waste paper	6,233	0.12	4,365	0.10	6,700	0.15	42.79	(6.97)
Cotton	2,217	0.04	1,090	0.02	1,824	0.04	103.44	21.54
Syn. Fibers	6,552	0.13	5,320	0.12	6,635	0.15	23.14	(1.26)
Metalliferous ores	8,258	0.16	6,162	0.14	27,611	0.60	34.02	(70.09)
Others	32,443	0.63	31,865	0.71	41,593	0.91	1.81	(22.00)
Tobacco, unmanufactured	10,688	0.21	14,115	0.31	15,383	0.34	(24.28)	(30.52)
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,781,669	34.79	1,641,749	36.55	1,970,756	43.16	8.52	(9.59)
Feeding stuffs for animals	71,947	1.40	71,641	1.60	41,713	0.91	0.43	72.48
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	18,450	0.36	10,793	0.24	20,808	0.46	70.95	(11.33)
Chemical	438,564	8.56	365,517	8.14	349,361	7.65	19.98	25.53
Chemical compounds	121,497	2.37	92,225	2.05	101,460	2.22	31.74	19.75
Medicinal and pharmaceutical chemical	66,391	1.30	52,103	1.16	55,707	1.22	27.42	19.18
Urea	5,390	0.11	20,615	0.46	2,441	0.05	(73.85)	120.81
Fertilizer excl. urea	36,708	0.72	13,252	0.30	15,302	0.34	176.99	139.88
Artificial resins	102,799	2.01	95,817	2.13	83,733	1.83	7.29	22.77
Others	105,779	2.07	91,504	2.04	90,718	1.99	15.60	16.60
Manufactured goods	351,641	6.87	282,515	6.29	316,661	6.93	24.47	11.05
Paper & paper products	44,534	0.87	38,147	0.85	42,097	0.92	16.74	5.79
Textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles	61,060	1.19	42,238	0.94	71,905	1.57	44.56	(15.08)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	20,983	0.41	17,927	0.40	15,453	0.34	17.05	35.79
Iron & steel	131,993	2.58	97,741	2.18	77,241	1.69	35.04	70.88
Non-ferrous metals	40,404	0.79	41,826	0.93	47,877	1.05	(3.40)	(15.61)
Metal products	31,241	0.61	27,154	0.60	39,846	0.87	15.05	(21.60)
Others	21,427	0.42	17,482	0.39	22,242	0.49	22.56	(3.66)
Embroideries	12,381	0.24	10,984	0.24	18,551	0.41	12.72	(33.26)
Materials/Accessories for the manufacture of electrical equipment	879,164	17.17	883,700	19.68	1,215,359	26.61	(0.51)	(27.66)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	9,522	0.19	16,600	0.37	8,302	0.18	(42.64)	14.69
<b>Mineral fuels, lubricant and Related materials</b>	<b>1,169,142</b>	<b>22.83</b>	<b>844,873</b>	<b>18.81</b>	<b>625,016</b>	<b>13.69</b>	<b>38.38</b>	<b>87.06</b>
Coal, Coke	14,560	0.28	9,614	0.21	20,236	0.44	51.44	(28.05)
Petroleum crude	598,670	11.69	437,023	9.73	312,839	6.85	36.99	91.37
Others	555,911	10.86	398,235	8.87	291,941	6.39	39.59	90.42
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>528,897</b>	<b>10.33</b>	<b>435,032</b>	<b>9.69</b>	<b>326,150</b>	<b>7.14</b>	<b>21.58</b>	<b>62.16</b>
Durable	215,861	4.22	179,434	4.00	149,054	3.26	20.30	44.82
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	118,437	2.31	103,046	2.29	71,924	1.58	14.94	64.67
Home appliances	22,116	0.43	26,759	0.60	17,974	0.39	(17.35)	23.04
Misc. manufactures	75,308	1.47	49,628	1.10	59,156	1.30	51.74	27.30
Non-Durable	313,037	6.11	255,598	5.69	177,096	3.88	22.47	76.76
Food and live animals chiefly for food	299,102	5.84	244,568	5.45	165,156	3.62	22.30	81.10
Dairy products	84,166	1.64	72,660	1.62	43,296	0.95	15.84	94.40
Fish & fish preparation	7,038	0.14	8,266	0.18	7,952	0.17	(14.86)	(11.49)
Rice	90,645	1.77	72,245	1.61	17,970	0.39	25.47	404.43
Fruits & vegetables	19,645	0.38	15,696	0.35	13,837	0.30	25.16	41.98
Others	97,608	1.91	75,701	1.69	82,102	1.80	28.94	18.89
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	5,334	0.10	4,476	0.10	4,815	0.11	19.18	10.78
Articles of apparel, access.	8,601	0.17	6,554	0.15	7,125	0.16	31.23	20.72
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>65,204</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>60,114</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>61,015</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>8.47</b>	<b>6.86</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	22,283	0.44	16,609	0.37	24,775	0.54	34.16	(10.06)
Others	42,920	0.84	43,505	0.97	36,240	0.79	(1.34)	18.43

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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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