

Table 3 Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods
March and February 2006 and March 2005
(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	2006		2005		2005		Growth Rate (%)	
	March	February	March	February	March	February	Monthly	Annual
	FOB Value	% share	FOB Value	% share	FOB Value	% share		
Total Imports	4,137,837	100.00	3,357,689	100.00	3,832,011	100.00	23.23	7.98
Capital Goods	1,330,497	32.15	1,196,868	35.65	1,274,184	33.25	11.16	4.42
Power generating and specialized machines	180,973	4.37	158,434	4.72	163,247	4.26	14.23	10.86
Office and electronic data processing machines	252,260	6.10	221,515	6.60	281,333	7.34	13.88	(10.33)
Telecommunication equipment and electrical machines	771,789	18.65	676,932	20.16	722,042	18.84	14.01	6.89
Land transport equipment excluding passenger cars and motorized cycle	73,004	1.76	52,301	1.56	57,372	1.50	39.58	27.25
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	17,526	0.42	48,074	1.43	11,051	0.29	(63.54)	58.60
Professional scientific and controlling instruments, photographic equipment and optical goods	34,944	0.84	39,611	1.18	39,140	1.02	(11.78)	(10.72)
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,752,232	42.35	1,322,689	39.39	1,706,228	44.53	32.47	2.70
Unprocessed Raw Materials	158,615	3.83	73,362	2.18	144,938	3.78	116.21	9.44
Wheat	61,123	1.48	27,539	0.82	36,768	0.96	121.95	66.24
Corn	4,355	0.11	8,322	0.25	1,092	0.03	(47.67)	298.92
Unmilled cereals excluding rice and corn	630	0.02	334	0.01	308	0.01	88.78	104.39
Crude materials, inedible	81,308	1.96	34,076	1.01	86,702	2.26	138.61	(6.22)
Pulp & waste paper	5,295	0.13	5,046	0.15	6,626	0.17	4.94	(20.08)
Cotton	3,888	0.09	1,584	0.05	4,431	0.12	145.42	(12.27)
Syn. Fibers	5,659	0.14	4,151	0.12	8,080	0.21	36.34	(29.95)
Metalliferous ores	32,160	0.78	1,225	0.04	37,419	0.98	2,525.44	(14.05)
Others	34,305	0.83	22,070	0.66	30,146	0.79	55.44	13.80
Tobacco, unmanufactured	11,200	0.27	3,091	0.09	20,068	0.52	262.34	(44.19)
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,593,618	38.51	1,249,327	37.21	1,561,290	40.74	27.56	2.07
Feeding stuffs for animals	26,137	0.63	32,184	0.96	26,120	0.68	(18.79)	0.06
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	13,777	0.33	10,055	0.30	11,185	0.29	37.01	23.17
Chemical	318,972	7.71	224,103	6.67	285,551	7.45	42.33	11.70
Chemical compounds	80,127	1.94	52,370	1.56	76,982	2.01	53.00	4.08
Medicinal and pharmaceutical chemical	45,697	1.10	39,424	1.17	39,605	1.03	15.91	15.38
Urea	11,409	0.28	3,078	0.09	5,220	0.14	270.71	118.55
Fertilizer excl. urea	8,343	0.20	8,691	0.26	3,790	0.10	(4.01)	120.10
Artificial resins	86,403	2.09	56,374	1.68	72,357	1.89	53.27	19.41
Others	86,994	2.10	64,166	1.91	87,596	2.29	35.58	(0.69)
Manufactured goods	323,861	7.83	218,323	6.50	359,859	9.39	48.34	(10.00)
Paper & paper products	44,096	1.07	29,665	0.88	36,463	0.95	48.65	20.93
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	73,555	1.78	47,470	1.41	57,653	1.50	54.95	27.58
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	17,649	0.43	14,040	0.42	16,174	0.42	25.71	9.12
Iron & steel	71,719	1.73	51,562	1.54	159,279	4.16	39.09	(54.97)
Non-ferrous metals	64,550	1.56	37,910	1.13	42,600	1.11	70.27	51.52
Metal products	30,646	0.74	20,386	0.61	25,932	0.68	50.32	18.18
Others	21,647	0.52	17,291	0.51	21,758	0.57	25.19	(0.51)
Embroideries	17,426	0.42	10,142	0.30	20,100	0.52	71.83	(13.30)
Materials/Accessories for the manufacture of electrical equipment	887,125	21.44	746,017	22.22	853,777	22.28	18.91	3.91
Iron ore, not agglomerated	6,320	0.15	8,503	0.25	4,697	0.12	(25.68)	34.55
Mineral Fuels, Lubricant and Related Materials	615,058	14.86	524,727	15.63	475,494	12.41	17.21	29.35
Coal, Coke	20,510	0.50	5,322	0.16	22,348	0.58	285.38	(8.23)
Petroleum crude	271,795	6.57	296,946	8.84	223,708	5.84	(8.47)	21.50
Others	322,753	7.80	222,459	6.63	229,437	5.99	45.08	40.67
Consumer Goods	361,472	8.74	245,894	7.32	304,007	7.93	47.00	18.90
Durable	113,379	2.74	91,116	2.71	112,887	2.95	24.43	0.44
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	44,073	1.07	35,190	1.05	46,767	1.22	25.24	(5.76)
Home appliances	18,922	0.46	9,625	0.29	18,012	0.47	96.59	5.05
Misc. manufactures	50,384	1.22	46,301	1.38	48,109	1.26	8.82	4.73
Non-Durable	248,094	6.00	154,779	4.61	191,120	4.99	60.29	29.81
Food & live animals chiefly for food	233,239	5.64	146,644	4.37	179,067	4.67	59.05	30.25
Dairy products	49,401	1.19	31,049	0.92	48,860	1.28	59.11	1.11
Fish & fish preparation	6,025	0.15	3,803	0.11	4,950	0.13	58.43	21.72
Rice	96,422	2.33	45,741	1.36	46,709	1.22	110.80	106.43
Fruits & vegetables	13,110	0.32	10,552	0.31	9,330	0.24	24.23	40.51
Others	68,281	1.65	55,499	1.65	69,218	1.81	23.03	(1.35)
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	6,353	0.15	2,838	0.08	6,274	0.16	123.87	1.26
Articles of apparel, access.	8,502	0.21	5,296	0.16	5,779	0.15	60.52	47.11
Special Transactions	78,577	1.90	67,510	2.01	72,097	1.88	16.39	8.99
Articles temporarily imported & exported	38,787	0.94	34,735	1.03	40,958	1.07	11.66	(5.30)
Others	39,790	0.96	32,775	0.98	31,140	0.81	21.40	27.78

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