

Table 3. Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods
March and February 2004 and March 2003
(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	2004				2003		Growth Rate (%)	
	March FOB Value	% share	February FOB Value	% share	March FOB Value	% share	Monthly	Annual
Total Imports	3,578,791	100.00	2,993,815	100.00	3,428,429	100.00	19.54	4.39
Capital Goods	1,433,431	40.05	1,237,945	41.35	1,346,644	39.28	15.79	6.44
Power generating and specialized machines	183,465	5.13	138,781	4.64	162,476	4.74	32.20	12.92
Office and electronic data processing machines	310,245	8.67	296,317	9.90	244,675	7.14	4.70	26.80
Telecommunication equipment and electrical machines	818,468	22.87	707,795	23.64	808,296	23.58	15.64	1.26
Land transport equipment excluding passenger cars and motorized cycle	45,184	1.26	41,958	1.40	82,654	2.41	7.69	(45.33)
Aircraft, ships and boats	32,541	0.91	11,143	0.37	9,515	0.28	192.04	241.98
Professional scientific and controlling instruments, photographic equipment and optical goods	43,528	1.22	41,951	1.40	39,028	1.14	3.76	11.53
Raw materials and intermediate goods	1,371,197	38.31	1,166,187	38.95	1,350,074	39.38	17.58	1.56
Unprocessed raw materials	156,904	4.38	73,276	2.45	118,529	3.46	114.13	32.38
Wheat	40,658	1.14	16,660	0.56	24,987	0.73	144.04	62.72
Corn	856	0.02	831	0.03	1,062	0.03	3.03	(19.41)
Unmilled cereals excluding rice and corn	238	0.01	425	0.01	207	0.01	(44.04)	14.85
Crude materials, inedible	104,089	2.91	52,402	1.75	82,585	2.41	98.63	26.04
Pulp and waste paper	6,082	0.17	5,306	0.18	5,696	0.17	14.62	6.78
Cotton	3,311	0.09	3,670	0.12	3,952	0.12	(9.78)	(16.22)
Synthetic fibers	7,295	0.20	6,668	0.22	7,876	0.23	9.41	(7.38)
Metalliferous ores	46,170	1.29	12,834	0.43	35,576	1.04	259.75	29.78
Others	41,231	1.15	23,925	0.80	29,486	0.86	72.33	39.83
Tobacco, unmanufactured	11,064	0.31	2,957	0.10	9,688	0.28	274.11	14.20
Semi-processed raw materials	1,214,292	33.93	1,092,911	36.51	1,231,545	35.92	11.11	(1.40)
Feeding stuffs for animals	41,742	1.17	18,266	0.61	27,536	0.80	128.53	51.59
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	8,988	0.25	6,667	0.22	6,307	0.18	34.82	42.51
Chemical	268,002	7.49	246,382	8.23	266,104	7.76	8.77	0.71
Chemical compounds	62,254	1.74	50,689	1.69	69,534	2.03	22.82	(10.46)
Medicinal and pharmaceutical chemical	37,807	1.06	31,582	1.05	38,731	1.13	19.71	(2.39)
Urea	2,649	0.07	1,236	0.04	3,624	0.11	114.34	(26.91)
Fertilizer excluding urea	3,138	0.09	6,670	0.22	5,396	0.16	(52.96)	(41.86)
Artificial resins	76,612	2.14	77,540	2.59	68,980	2.01	(1.20)	11.06
Others	85,542	2.39	78,666	2.63	79,838	2.33	8.74	7.15
Manufactured goods	322,732	9.02	259,772	8.68	315,667	9.21	24.24	2.24
Paper and paper products	34,066	0.95	32,146	1.07	32,936	0.96	5.97	3.43
Textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles	66,694	1.86	42,286	1.41	77,008	2.25	57.72	(13.39)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,314	0.37	12,191	0.41	14,618	0.43	9.22	(8.92)
Iron and steel	134,983	3.78	105,423	3.52	104,809	3.06	28.04	28.79
Non-ferrous metals	38,568	1.08	34,142	1.14	37,586	1.10	12.96	2.61
Metal products	19,846	0.55	16,799	0.56	28,137	0.82	18.14	(29.47)
Others	15,261	0.43	16,785	0.56	20,572	0.60	(9.08)	(25.82)
Embroideries	16,103	0.45	12,687	0.42	23,453	0.68	26.93	(31.34)
Materials/Accessories for the manufacture of electrical equipment	552,706	15.44	541,493	18.09	588,219	17.16	2.07	(6.04)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	4,020	0.11	7,645	0.26	4,260	0.12	(47.42)	(5.64)
Mineral fuels, lubricant and Related materials	405,878	11.34	256,425	8.57	372,444	10.86	58.28	8.98
Coal, coke	7,240	0.20	5,269	0.18	10,021	0.29	37.40	(27.75)
Petroleum crude	174,317	4.87	116,897	3.90	229,852	6.70	49.12	(24.16)
Others	224,322	6.27	134,259	4.48	132,572	3.87	67.08	69.21
Consumer goods	221,074	6.18	213,549	7.13	251,607	7.34	3.52	(12.13)
Durable	101,554	2.84	83,289	2.78	103,401	3.02	21.93	(1.79)
Passenger cars and motorized cycle	37,474	1.05	30,655	1.02	36,775	1.07	22.25	1.90
Home appliances	18,983	0.53	17,116	0.57	15,469	0.45	10.91	22.72
Misc. manufactures	45,097	1.26	35,517	1.19	51,157	1.49	26.97	(11.85)
Non-Durable	119,520	3.34	130,261	4.35	148,206	4.32	(8.25)	(19.36)
Food and live animals chiefly for food	109,043	3.05	120,999	4.04	124,199	3.62	(9.88)	(12.20)
Dairy products	32,255	0.90	37,530	1.25	42,461	1.24	(14.06)	(24.04)
Fish and fish preparation	2,281	0.06	2,966	0.10	4,688	0.14	(23.09)	(51.34)
Rice	12,925	0.36	16,382	0.55	12,049	0.35	(21.10)	7.27
Fruits and vegetables	10,427	0.29	8,139	0.27	10,657	0.31	28.11	(2.16)
Others	51,155	1.43	55,982	1.87	54,343	1.59	(8.62)	(5.87)
Beverages and tobacco manufacture	5,063	0.15	5,857	0.20	18,556	0.54	(13.55)	(72.71)
Articles of apparel, accessories	5,414	0.15	3,405	0.11	5,451	0.16	58.99	(0.68)
Special transactions	147,211	4.11	119,708	4.00	107,661	3.14	22.97	36.74
Articles temporarily imported and exported	103,812	2.90	85,148	2.84	56,021	1.63	21.92	85.31
Others	43,399	1.21	34,560	1.15	51,640	1.51	25.58	(15.96)

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