

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

Commodity Group	2008				2007		Growth Rate (%)	
	September p FOB Value	% Share	August r FOB Value	% Share	September FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>4,863,651</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5,041,613</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,743,796</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>(3.53)</b>	<b>2.53</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>1,401,241</b>	<b>28.81</b>	<b>1,474,857</b>	<b>29.25</b>	<b>1,530,596</b>	<b>32.27</b>	<b>(4.99)</b>	<b>(8.45)</b>
Power generating and specialized machines	259,608	5.34	246,475	4.89	213,242	4.50	5.33	21.74
Office and electronic data processing machines	245,446	5.05	248,475	4.93	329,377	6.94	(1.22)	(25.48)
Telecommunication equipment and electrical machines	755,714	15.54	735,370	14.59	850,778	17.93	2.77	(11.17)
Land transport equipment excluding passenger cars and motorized cycle	55,067	1.13	61,775	1.23	68,746	1.45	(10.86)	(19.90)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	41,596	0.86	130,526	2.59	21,686	0.46	(68.13)	91.81
Professional scientific and controlling instruments, photographic equipment and optical goods	43,811	0.90	52,236	1.04	46,767	0.99	(16.13)	(6.32)
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,785,705</b>	<b>36.72</b>	<b>1,751,114</b>	<b>34.73</b>	<b>2,091,672</b>	<b>44.09</b>	<b>1.98</b>	<b>(14.63)</b>
Unprocessed Raw Materials	181,118	3.72	127,192	2.52	143,739	3.03	42.40	26.01
Wheat	61,927	1.27	4,458	0.09	24,230	0.51	1,289.19	155.58
Corn	1,722	0.04	3,898	0.08	1,605	0.03	(55.82)	7.31
Unmilled cereals excluding rice and corn	1,035	0.02	1,176	0.02	310	0.01	(12.04)	233.74
Crude materials, inedible	88,342	1.82	92,766	1.84	101,316	2.14	(4.77)	(12.81)
Pulp & waste paper	4,659	0.10	5,268	0.10	4,108	0.09	(11.56)	13.42
Cotton	1,322	0.03	1,648	0.03	981	0.02	(19.82)	34.69
Syn. Fibers	8,911	0.18	5,542	0.11	6,176	0.13	60.80	44.28
Metalliferous ores	35,327	0.73	22,574	0.45	60,055	1.27	56.49	(41.18)
Others	38,123	0.78	57,733	1.15	29,995	0.63	(33.97)	27.10
Tobacco, unmanufactured	28,092	0.58	24,894	0.49	16,278	0.34	12.85	72.58
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,604,587	32.99	1,623,922	32.21	1,947,933	41.06	(1.19)	(17.63)
Feeding stuffs for animals	57,555	1.18	41,174	0.82	38,893	0.82	39.78	47.98
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	26,393	0.54	20,999	0.42	11,165	0.24	25.69	136.39
Chemical	388,042	7.98	422,063	8.37	369,891	7.80	(8.06)	4.91
Chemical compounds	96,015	1.97	123,627	2.45	108,117	2.28	(22.33)	(11.19)
Medicinal and pharmaceutical chemical	57,851	1.19	60,052	1.19	54,570	1.15	(3.67)	6.01
Urea	16,575	0.34	13,416	0.27	8,851	0.19	23.55	87.26
Fertilizer excl. urea	13,507	0.28	13,992	0.28	14,506	0.31	(3.46)	(6.89)
Artificial resins	89,755	1.85	98,980	1.96	88,309	1.86	(9.32)	1.64
Others	114,337	2.35	111,996	2.22	95,537	2.01	2.09	19.68
Manufactured goods	370,328	7.61	419,053	8.31	309,651	6.53	(11.63)	19.60
Paper & paper products	44,861	0.92	52,552	1.04	37,563	0.79	(14.64)	19.43
Textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles	60,666	1.25	53,727	1.07	64,629	1.36	12.92	(6.13)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	29,525	0.61	21,617	0.43	21,749	0.46	36.58	35.75
Iron & steel	109,230	2.25	129,437	2.57	66,974	1.41	(15.61)	63.09
Non-ferrous metals	69,877	1.44	64,104	1.27	65,308	1.38	9.01	7.00
Metal products	30,547	0.63	71,515	1.42	32,633	0.69	(57.29)	(6.39)
Others	25,622	0.53	26,100	0.52	20,794	0.44	(1.83)	23.22
Embroideries	8,211	0.17	9,438	0.19	15,894	0.34	(13.01)	(48.34)
Materials/Accessories for the manufacture of electrical equipment	754,059	15.50	705,979	14.00	1,189,812	25.08	6.81	(36.62)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	-	-	5,217	0.10	12,627	0.27	(100.00)	(100.00)
<b>Mineral Fuels, Lubricant &amp; Related Materials</b>	<b>970,320</b>	<b>19.95</b>	<b>1,019,269</b>	<b>20.22</b>	<b>637,765</b>	<b>13.44</b>	<b>(4.80)</b>	<b>52.14</b>
Coal, Coke	25,173	0.52	27,362	0.54	19,671	0.41	(8.00)	27.96
Petroleum crude	630,841	12.97	599,729	11.90	391,103	8.24	5.19	61.30
Others	314,306	6.46	392,177	7.78	226,991	4.78	(19.86)	38.47
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>637,192</b>	<b>13.10</b>	<b>729,443</b>	<b>14.47</b>	<b>410,925</b>	<b>8.66</b>	<b>(12.65)</b>	<b>55.06</b>
Durable	220,391	4.53	203,482	4.04	194,182	4.09	8.31	13.50
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	126,137	2.59	113,936	2.26	113,727	2.40	10.71	10.91
Home appliances	26,694	0.55	20,011	0.40	18,931	0.40	33.40	41.01
Misc. manufactures	67,559	1.39	69,534	1.38	61,524	1.30	(2.84)	9.81
Non-Durable	416,801	8.57	525,962	10.43	216,742	4.57	(20.75)	92.30
Food and live animals chiefly for food	401,115	8.25	512,720	10.17	202,374	4.27	(21.77)	98.20
Dairy products	53,183	1.09	51,973	1.03	50,086	1.06	2.33	6.18
Fish & fish preparation	8,811	0.18	9,075	0.18	9,086	0.19	(2.91)	(3.03)
Rice	203,222	4.18	323,648	6.42	43,464	0.92	(37.21)	367.56
Fruits & vegetables	21,625	0.44	16,668	0.33	12,058	0.25	29.74	79.34
Others	114,274	2.35	111,357	2.21	87,680	1.85	2.62	30.33
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	7,133	0.15	6,008	0.12	5,853	0.12	18.72	21.87
Articles of apparel, access.	8,554	0.18	7,234	0.14	8,516	0.18	18.25	0.45
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>69,193</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>66,930</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>72,839</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>(5.01)</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	28,631	0.59	27,366	0.54	23,960	0.51	4.62	19.49
Others	40,562	0.83	39,564	0.78	48,879	1.03	2.52	(17.02)

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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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