

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

Commodity Group	2008				2007		Growth Rate (%)	
	August p FOB Value	% Share	July r FOB Value	% Share	August FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>5,041,689</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5,848,369</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,986,612</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>(13.79)</b>	<b>1.10</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>1,474,848</b>	<b>29.25</b>	<b>1,398,543</b>	<b>23.91</b>	<b>1,442,655</b>	<b>28.93</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>2.23</b>
Power generating and specialized machines	246,495	4.89	232,840	3.98	210,240	4.22	5.86	17.24
Office and electronic data processing machines	248,470	4.93	256,410	4.38	289,315	5.80	(3.10)	(14.12)
Telecommunication equipment and electrical machines	735,370	14.59	777,594	13.30	790,276	15.85	(5.43)	(6.95)
Land transport equipment excluding passenger cars and motorized cycle	61,750	1.22	61,820	1.06	45,879	0.92	(0.11)	34.59
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	130,526	2.59	25,943	0.44	68,302	1.37	403.12	91.10
Professional scientific and controlling instruments, photographic equipment and optical goods	52,238	1.04	43,935	0.75	38,642	0.77	18.90	35.18
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,751,104</b>	<b>34.73</b>	<b>1,875,553</b>	<b>32.07</b>	<b>2,126,043</b>	<b>42.64</b>	<b>(6.64)</b>	<b>(17.64)</b>
Unprocessed Raw Materials	127,192	2.52	154,823	2.65	146,804	2.94	(17.85)	(13.36)
Wheat	4,458	0.09	32,024	0.55	36,076	0.72	(86.08)	(87.64)
Corn	3,898	0.08	1,965	0.03	1,707	0.03	98.34	128.39
Unmilled cereals excluding rice and corn	1,176	0.02	988	0.02	512	0.01	19.10	129.78
Crude materials, inedible	92,766	1.84	109,215	1.87	98,262	1.97	(15.06)	(5.59)
Pulp & waste paper	5,268	0.10	4,186	0.07	5,515	0.11	25.87	(4.47)
Cotton	1,648	0.03	1,758	0.03	3,068	0.06	(6.24)	(46.28)
Syn. Fibers	5,542	0.11	4,602	0.08	7,699	0.15	20.42	(28.02)
Metalliferous ores	22,574	0.45	58,285	1.00	43,806	0.88	(61.27)	(48.47)
Others	57,733	1.15	40,384	0.69	38,174	0.77	42.96	51.24
Tobacco, unmanufactured	24,894	0.49	10,631	0.18	10,247	0.21	134.17	142.94
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,623,912	32.21	1,720,731	29.42	1,979,240	39.69	(5.63)	(17.95)
Feeding stuffs for animals	41,174	0.82	26,896	0.46	37,164	0.75	53.08	10.79
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	20,999	0.42	26,845	0.46	11,051	0.22	(21.78)	90.02
Chemical	422,104	8.37	451,044	7.71	356,800	7.16	(6.42)	18.30
Chemical compounds	123,627	2.45	137,091	2.34	115,753	2.32	(9.82)	6.80
Medicinal and pharmaceutical chemical	60,052	1.19	55,007	0.94	41,181	0.83	9.17	45.83
Urea	13,416	0.27	23,358	0.40	5,172	0.10	(42.56)	159.38
Fertilizer excl. urea	13,992	0.28	31,076	0.53	16,195	0.32	(54.98)	(13.60)
Artificial resins	98,980	1.96	102,865	1.76	88,790	1.78	(3.78)	11.48
Others	112,037	2.22	101,647	1.74	89,709	1.80	10.22	24.89
Manufactured goods	419,086	8.31	451,621	7.72	321,945	6.46	(7.20)	30.17
Paper & paper products	52,527	1.04	47,078	0.80	40,829	0.82	11.58	28.65
Textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles	53,727	1.07	52,571	0.90	63,098	1.27	2.20	(14.85)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	21,651	0.43	23,173	0.40	20,414	0.41	(6.57)	6.06
Iron & steel	129,437	2.57	201,128	3.44	78,568	1.58	(35.64)	64.75
Non-ferrous metals	64,104	1.27	64,391	1.10	61,924	1.24	(0.45)	3.52
Metal products	71,539	1.42	41,331	0.71	35,151	0.70	73.09	103.52
Others	26,100	0.52	21,948	0.38	21,960	0.44	18.92	18.85
Embroideries	9,438	0.19	14,157	0.24	16,575	0.33	(33.33)	(43.06)
Materials/Accessories for the manufacture of electrical equipment	705,893	14.00	743,165	12.71	1,224,905	24.56	(5.02)	(42.37)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	5,217	0.10	7,002	0.12	10,800	0.22	(25.49)	(51.70)
<b>Mineral fuels, lubricant and Related materials</b>	<b>1,019,269</b>	<b>20.22</b>	<b>1,763,868</b>	<b>30.16</b>	<b>960,954</b>	<b>19.27</b>	<b>(42.21)</b>	<b>6.07</b>
Coal, Coke	27,362	0.54	8,269	0.14	10,188	0.20	230.89	168.58
Petroleum crude	599,729	11.90	1,235,465	21.12	562,157	11.27	(51.46)	6.68
Others	392,177	7.78	520,134	8.89	388,609	7.79	(24.60)	0.92
Consumer Goods	729,452	14.47	744,913	12.74	404,932	8.12	(2.08)	80.14
Durable	203,491	4.04	210,650	3.60	174,121	3.49	(3.40)	16.87
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	113,936	2.26	119,992	2.05	99,584	2.00	(5.05)	14.41
Home appliances	20,015	0.40	25,214	0.43	17,014	0.34	(20.62)	17.64
Misc. manufactures	69,540	1.38	65,445	1.12	57,522	1.15	6.26	20.89
Non-Durable	525,961	10.43	534,263	9.14	230,811	4.63	(1.55)	127.87
Food and live animals chiefly for food	512,719	10.17	520,779	8.90	215,791	4.33	(1.55)	137.60
Dairy products	51,973	1.03	43,889	0.75	51,463	1.03	18.42	0.99
Fish & fish preparation	9,075	0.18	3,214	0.05	4,356	0.09	182.32	108.35
Rice	323,648	6.42	341,745	5.84	54,372	1.09	(5.30)	495.25
Fruits & vegetables	16,668	0.33	16,799	0.29	11,964	0.24	(0.78)	39.32
Others	111,356	2.21	115,132	1.97	93,637	1.88	(3.28)	18.92
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	6,008	0.12	5,335	0.09	7,137	0.14	12.61	(15.82)
Articles of apparel, access.	7,234	0.14	8,149	0.14	7,884	0.16	(11.23)	(8.24)
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>67,017</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>65,492</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>52,028</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>28.81</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	27,455	0.54	20,950	0.36	17,520	0.35	31.05	56.70
Others	39,562	0.78	44,542	0.76	34,508	0.69	(11.18)	14.65

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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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