

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

Commodity Group	2008				2007		Growth Rate (%)	
	May p FOB Value	% Share	April r FOB Value	% Share	May FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>4,782,988</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,856,218</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,296,137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>(1.51)</b>	<b>11.33</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>1,193,785</b>	<b>24.96</b>	<b>1,365,674</b>	<b>28.12</b>	<b>1,220,190</b>	<b>28.40</b>	<b>(12.59)</b>	<b>(2.16)</b>
Power generating and specialized machines	210,800	4.41	233,453	4.81	181,612	4.23	(9.70)	16.07
Office and electronic data processing machines	255,596	5.34	251,543	5.18	205,096	4.77	1.61	24.62
Telecommunication equipment and electrical machines	583,311	12.20	647,577	13.34	630,018	14.66	(9.92)	(7.41)
Land transport equipment excluding passenger cars and motorized cycle	59,272	1.24	59,611	1.23	48,589	1.13	(0.57)	21.99
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	39,438	0.82	137,527	2.83	102,229	2.38	(71.32)	(61.42)
Professional scientific and controlling instruments, photographic equipment and optical goods	45,367	0.95	35,963	0.74	52,646	1.23	26.15	(13.83)
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,706,566</b>	<b>35.68</b>	<b>1,842,675</b>	<b>37.94</b>	<b>1,823,065</b>	<b>42.43</b>	<b>(7.39)</b>	<b>(6.39)</b>
Unprocessed Raw Materials	127,133	2.66	216,318	4.45	129,727	3.02	(41.23)	(2.00)
Wheat	44,211	0.92	69,465	1.43	49,408	1.15	(36.36)	(10.52)
Corn	2,305	0.05	4,060	0.08	2,757	0.06	(43.23)	(16.40)
Unmilled cereals excluding rice and corn	689	0.01	1,195	0.02	622	0.01	(42.39)	10.64
Crude materials, inedible	72,474	1.52	120,161	2.47	69,598	1.62	(39.69)	4.13
Pulp & waste paper	6,184	0.13	5,662	0.12	6,067	0.14	9.21	1.92
Cotton	2,150	0.04	1,585	0.03	1,213	0.03	35.65	77.29
Syn. Fibers	4,671	0.10	4,831	0.10	6,477	0.15	(3.31)	(27.88)
Metalliferous ores	21,082	0.44	55,870	1.15	16,601	0.39	(62.26)	26.99
Others	38,387	0.80	52,213	1.08	39,240	0.91	(26.48)	(2.17)
Tobacco, unmanufactured	7,454	0.16	21,436	0.44	7,341	0.17	(65.23)	1.54
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,579,433	33.02	1,626,357	33.49	1,693,339	39.42	(2.89)	(6.73)
Feeding stuffs for animals	44,305	0.93	62,727	1.29	33,909	0.79	(29.37)	30.66
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	16,131	0.34	21,349	0.44	13,053	0.30	(24.44)	23.58
Chemical	404,149	8.45	440,328	9.07	318,350	7.41	(8.22)	26.95
Chemical compounds	107,142	2.24	94,291	1.94	83,207	1.94	13.63	28.76
Medicinal and pharmaceutical chemical	58,950	1.23	56,918	1.17	54,421	1.27	3.57	8.32
Urea	5,442	0.11	31,109	0.64	19,605	0.46	(82.51)	(72.24)
Fertilizer excl. urea	44,145	0.92	60,931	1.25	7,257	0.17	(27.55)	508.31
Artificial resins	92,527	1.93	90,221	1.86	68,938	1.60	2.56	34.22
Others	95,943	2.01	106,858	2.20	84,921	1.98	(10.21)	12.98
Manufactured goods	411,398	8.60	347,063	7.15	344,463	8.02	18.54	19.43
Paper & paper products	50,284	1.05	39,789	0.82	36,713	0.85	26.38	36.97
Textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles	57,182	1.20	62,205	1.28	90,823	2.11	(8.08)	(37.04)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	22,413	0.47	20,638	0.42	18,941	0.44	8.60	18.33
Iron & steel	179,748	3.76	136,423	2.81	80,929	1.88	31.76	122.11
Non-ferrous metals	47,812	1.00	39,793	0.82	55,818	1.30	20.15	(14.34)
Metal products	32,453	0.68	27,965	0.58	39,887	0.93	16.05	(18.64)
Others	21,506	0.45	20,249	0.42	21,352	0.50	6.21	0.72
Embroideries	12,780	0.27	16,406	0.34	28,129	0.65	(22.10)	(54.56)
Materials/Accessories for the manufacture of electrical equipment	690,669	14.44	727,316	14.98	943,852	21.97	(5.04)	(26.82)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	-	-	11,168	0.23	11,582	0.27	(100.00)	(100.00)
<b>Mineral fuels, lubricant and Related materials</b>	<b>1,178,988</b>	<b>24.65</b>	<b>1,037,361</b>	<b>21.36</b>	<b>785,783</b>	<b>18.29</b>	<b>13.65</b>	<b>50.04</b>
Coal, Coke	15,113	0.32	19,136	0.39	27,983	0.65	(21.02)	(45.99)
Petroleum crude	746,067	15.60	597,794	12.31	503,294	11.72	24.80	48.24
Others	417,808	8.74	420,431	8.66	254,507	5.92	(0.62)	64.16
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>628,745</b>	<b>13.15</b>	<b>551,286</b>	<b>11.35</b>	<b>408,638</b>	<b>9.51</b>	<b>14.05</b>	<b>53.86</b>
Durable	195,422	4.09	210,269	4.33	169,038	3.93	(7.06)	15.61
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	106,713	2.23	108,718	2.24	88,228	2.05	(1.84)	20.95
Home appliances	21,367	0.45	21,114	0.43	18,131	0.42	1.20	17.84
Misc. manufactures	67,342	1.41	80,437	1.66	62,679	1.46	(16.28)	7.44
Non-Durable	433,323	9.06	341,017	7.02	239,601	5.58	27.07	80.85
Food and live animals chiefly for food	420,282	8.79	328,017	6.75	229,153	5.33	28.13	83.41
Dairy products	59,740	1.25	43,428	0.89	65,564	1.53	37.56	(8.88)
Fish & fish preparation	5,006	0.10	11,564	0.24	5,794	0.13	(56.71)	(13.61)
Rice	230,208	4.81	155,161	3.20	50,523	1.18	48.37	355.65
Fruits & vegetables	17,145	0.36	16,962	0.35	13,555	0.32	1.08	26.48
Others	108,183	2.26	100,903	2.08	93,716	2.18	7.22	15.44
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	5,744	0.12	5,396	0.11	3,961	0.09	6.45	45.00
Articles of apparel, access.	7,297	0.15	7,604	0.16	6,486	0.15	(4.03)	12.50
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>74,904</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>59,222</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>58,461</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>26.48</b>	<b>28.13</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	22,928	0.48	22,716	0.47	24,231	0.56	0.93	(5.38)
Others	51,976	1.09	36,506	0.75	34,229	0.80	42.38	51.85

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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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