

PHILIPPINE IMPORTS BY MAJOR TYPE OF GOODS
MARCH, FEBRUARY 1997 AND MARCH 1996
(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	1997		1996	Growth Rate		Jan-Mar
	MARCH FOB Value	FEBRUARY FOB Value	MARCH FOB Value	(%) Monthly	Annual	1997 FOB Value
Total Imports	2,935,173	2,626,539	2,760,473	11.75	6.33	8,399,600
Capital Goods	921,487	932,833	809,598	-1.22	13.82	2,897,280
Power Generating & Specialized M	299,284	327,569	286,239	-8.63	4.56	964,320
Office & EDP Machines	90,777	93,686	68,864	-3.11	31.82	269,935
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect.	412,804	390,740	317,457	5.65	30.03	1,275,050
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger						
Cars & Motorized Cycle	58,089	67,855	66,411	-14.39	-12.53	198,542
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	19,855	24,591	34,236	-19.26	-42.01	79,099
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	40,678	28,393	36,392	43.27	11.78	110,334
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,329,613	1,166,324	1,317,190	14.00	0.94	3,666,904
Unprocessed Raw Materials	145,443	114,811	168,384	26.68	-13.62	384,572
Wheat	37,000	27,743	24,365	33.37	51.86	79,780
Corn	19,085	73	5,392	26,043.84	253.95	23,598
Unmilled cereals excl. rice	383	221	276	73.30	38.77	774
Crude materials, inedible	76,741	77,362	135,313	-0.80	-43.29	252,992
Pulp & waste paper	6,950	4,563	10,508	52.31	-33.86	16,475
Cotton	10,552	6,810	20,480	54.95	-48.48	27,171
Syn. Fibers	11,005	9,109	10,121	20.81	8.73	30,786
Metalliferous ores	20,994	28,447	59,006	-26.20	-64.42	82,276
Others	27,241	28,432	35,198	-4.19	-22.61	96,284
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Feeding stuffs for animals	22,437	16,708	28,169	34.29	-20.35	69,633
Animal & vegetable oils & f	7,196	4,550	5,943	58.15	21.08	16,110
Chemical	269,112	208,121	219,280	29.31	22.73	684,495
Chemical compounds	76,443	49,971	54,684	52.97	39.79	177,200
Medicinal & pharmaceutical	30,042	29,206	27,478	2.86	9.33	79,752

Urea	7,811	4,869	3,419	60.42	128.46	20,087
Fertilizer excl. urea	5,308	3,742	2,296	41.85	131.18	13,058
Artificial resins	91,074	67,939	81,900	34.05	11.20	229,975
Others	58,434	52,394	49,504	11.53	18.04	164,423
Manufactured goods	349,648	304,018	327,429	15.01	6.79	975,208
Paper & paper products	27,820	22,002	20,241	26.44	37.44	79,168
Textile yarn, fabrics &	94,645	67,867	63,339	39.46	49.43	235,746
Non-metallic mineral man	28,798	25,328	24,384	13.70	18.10	78,354
Iron & steel	99,765	102,035	124,207	-2.22	-19.68	301,039
Non-ferrous metals	32,753	22,095	29,285	48.24	11.84	83,237
Metal products	37,782	41,709	39,823	-9.42	-5.13	117,901
Others	28,085	22,983	26,150	22.20	7.40	79,764
Embroideries	28,030	23,704	29,198	18.25	-4.00	82,804
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Iron ore, not agglomerated	1,548	7,070	7,699	0.00	-79.89	15,736
Mineral Fuel & Lubricant	303,507	240,986	210,656	25.94	44.08	861,123
Coal, Coke	10,911	6,239	6,357	74.88	71.64	22,423
Petroleum crude	249,778	199,045	167,552	25.49	49.07	727,265
Others	42,819	35,703	36,747	19.93	16.52	111,436
Consumer Goods	283,731	213,172	352,624	33.10	-19.54	728,113
Durable	134,452	121,828	121,841	10.36	10.35	384,183
Passenger cars & motorized	62,154	68,039	65,947	-8.65	-5.75	199,183
Home appliances	13,963	10,170	9,908	37.30	40.93	33,188
Misc. manufactures	58,334	43,618	45,986	33.74	26.85	151,812
Non-Durable	149,279	91,344	230,782	63.43	-35.32	343,930
Food & live animals chiefly	129,091	84,381	223,816	52.99	-42.32	309,920
Dairy products	38,028	34,126	40,756	11.43	-6.69	109,554
Fish & fish preparation	7,261	5,322	8,386	36.43	-13.42	19,754
Rice	29,131	50	93,295	58,162.00	-68.78	29,288
Fruits & vegetables	10,911	9,976	8,868	9.37	23.04	30,896
Others	43,760	34,907	72,512	25.36	-39.65	120,428
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	14,248	2,761	2,555	416.04	457.65	19,760
Articles of apparel, access	5,940	4,202	4,412	41.36	34.63	14,250
Special Transactions	96,835	73,224	70,405	32.24	37.54	246,180
Articles temporarily imported &	72,328	48,753	48,267	48.36	49.85	171,269
Others	24,506	24,470	22,138	0.15	10.70	74,912

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

Source: National Statistics Office

