

# Philippines - Foreign Trade Statistics 2021

**Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)**

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## Overview

### Identification

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### Overview

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#### ABSTRACT

The PSA was created by virtue of the Republic Act No. 10625 (R.A. 10625) which paved the way for the merging of the four (4) major statistical agencies namely: National Statistics Office (NSO), National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS), and Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES). It is engaged in the primary data collection and compilation of secondary data. Hence, became the sole agency to compile the foreign trade statistics in the country.

The Philippines adopted the "General" trade system of recording foreign trade statistics. The customs frontier (not the national boundary) was used as the statistical frontier. Under this system, all goods entering any of the seaports or airports of entry of the Philippines properly cleared through customs or remaining or under customs control are considered imports, whether the goods are for direct consumption, for merchandising, for warehousing or further processing. On the other hand, all goods leaving the country, which are properly cleared through the Customs, were considered exports. However, a distinction was made between export for goods grown, mined or manufactured in the Philippines (domestic exports) and exports of imported goods that did not undergo physical and/or chemical transformation in the Philippines (re-exports).

The collected data on import and export documents will generate economic statistics needed to guide both government and the private sectors in policy making, business planning and development. Specifically, the foreign trade data are used as a component in computing the Balance of Payment (BOP) prepared by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP); it serves also as an input in the estimation of the National Accounts (NA) prepared by the MAS of the PSA; and in research studies by public and private entities both local and international.

KIND OF DATA  
Administrative records data [adm]

UNITS OF ANALYSIS  
Commodities or traded goods entering or leaving any of the seaports or airports of entry of the Philippines properly cleared through the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

### Scope

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#### NOTES

Foreign trade relates to commerce between the Philippines and other countries transported by sea or air whether for private or government utilization, commercial purposes, as gifts or samples. Also, included are animals for the zoo, for breeding and the like. However, the following are excluded:

- a. All import and export transactions with Free on Board (FOB) Value less than \$25 US Dollars

- b. Fish and other marine products landed by Philippine vessel direct from the sea;
- c. Goods imported and exported by, or on behalf of diplomatic services and armed forces;
- d. Exposed cinematographic films imported or exported on rental basis;
- e. Personal effects of passenger on which no duty was paid;
- f. Issued currency notes and coins;
- g. Goods in transit to foreign countries;
- h. Stores and fuels purchased abroad by ships and aircrafts of Philippine registry; and
- i. Goods sent through parcel post.

Since 1982, goods are considered imported/exported on the date the carrying vessel/aircraft arrives/departs at the port/airport of unloading/loading.

#### TOPICS

| Topic                                       | Vocabulary                      | URI |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|
| International trade and balance of payments | Philippine Statistics Authority |     |

## Coverage

#### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National Coverage

#### GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

Not Applicable

## Producers and Sponsors

#### PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

| Name                                  | Affiliation                                    |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) | National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) |

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| Name                          | Abbreviation | Role         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Government of the Philippines | GOP          | Full funding |

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|---|--|--|
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| Bureau of Customs (BOC)                   | Department of Finance (DOF)            | Document Provider/Technical Assistance |
| Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) | Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) | Document Provider                      |

## Metadata Production

## METADATA PRODUCED BY

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Abbreviation</b> | <b>Affiliation</b>                    | <b>Role</b>              |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trade Statistics Division - Economic Sector Statistics Service | TSD-ESSS            | Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) | Documenter of the survey |

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# Sampling

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# Questionnaires

## Overview

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FTS are compiled by the PSA from copies of export and import documents submitted to the BOC by exporters and importers or their authorized representatives as required by law.

A. Source document for the generation of export statistics:

1. Export Declaration (ED)

B. Source documents for the generation of import statistics:

1. BOC Informal Import Declaration and Entry (BC Form No. 177)

## Data Collection

### Data Collection Mode

Administrative form [adm]

### Data Collection Notes

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in April 2003 between the PSA (formerly NSO) and the BOC was agreed that the latter is willing to assist the PSA in the pursuit of the foregoing undertaking by providing the PSA with information and data on exports and imports. Thus, allowing the designated PSA personnel to collect PSA copy of import and export documents from all seaports and airports of entry. Hardcopy documents were personally collected by the PSA personnel from BOC ports and sub-ports outside Manila. Documents collected by PSA field offices outside Metro Manila are transmitted to TSD-ESSS for processing.

In 2015, another Memorandum of Agreement on the electronic exchange of information between the BOC and the PSA was approved. The BOC shall furnish the PSA electronic copies of the customs import and export entries (also known as the Single Administrative Document or SAD) consisting of the datafields like Customs Control No., Registry No., Free on Board value in US Dollars, Gross Weight (Kilos), Commodity Description, Insurance and Freight Cost, etc.. The BOC shall submit online, thru Management Information System Technical Group (MISTG), weekly, monthly and annual consolidated import and export reports to PSA. The electronic datafiles are sent thru email via google drive.

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### Data Collectors

| Name   | Abbreviation | Affiliation                           |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Trade Statistics Division - Economic Sector Statistics Service | (TSD-ESSS)   | Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) |
| Provincial Office  | PO           | Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) |

### Supervision

Central Office Supervision:

The TSD-ESSS of the PSA oversees the complete collection of all export and import hardcopy documents from all ports/airports in the Philippines where the BOC Offices are located.

Field Office Supervision:

The Provincial Statistics Officers (PSOs) of the PSA Provincial Offices are responsible for monitoring that all export and import hardcopy documents are completely collected from all ports/airports of their jurisdiction where the BOC Offices are located.

# Data Processing

## Data Editing

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Collected hardcopy documents are processed both in manual and machine.

Manual processing includes recording, sorting, folioing and coding while machine processing includes data encoding and data validation.

Copies of export and import hardcopy documents collected by the PSA personnel from all customs ports in the Philippines are systematically controlled. Collected hardcopy documents are sorted by month, by port, by single or multiple commodity entries and by value. About 100 entries are assigned with control numbers and folioed together for the convenience of coders and encoders and for easy processing of the processors. Each folio then undergoes the following stages of processing:

1. Coding - process of translating each item of information found in the source document to its equivalent alphabetic and/or numeric code in accordance with the country, commodity, exporter, handling, carrier or port classification used
2. Code verification - process of determining the appropriateness of codes used
3. Computation - process of computing the FOB, insurance and freight values and converting each value into US dollars
4. Completeness, consistency check and validation of totals and other variables.

Quality control of coding and computation for both export and import is carried through sample verification. This method enables the verifier to decide after a number of entries have been verified whether to reject, continue or accept the folio. The number and type of errors are recorded and brought to the attention of the coder. Further training is given on pinpointed causes of errors of coders to improve the quality of their work.

## Other Processing

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Data encoding and editing of hardcopy documents are carried out through the use of personal computers. Inconsistent/erroneous entries passed through further verification and updating until such errors are fully corrected.

Electronic Data files provided by the BOC, PEZA and Value Added Service Providers (VASPs) are mapped and converted to a standard PSA format. These records undergoes the same stages of processing like the hardcopy documents.

Thorough validation of each records for both hardcopy and electronic files, especially the PSCC codes, are done to ensure the quality of the data. After all these consistency checks and data reviews, the preliminary import and export figures for the month are finally tabulated.

Documents received after the cut-off dates after the preliminary result will be included in the monthly revised, while for the documents received after the cut-off date of the reference month are accumulated, processed and included in their respective months at the end of the calendar year. When all the monthly tabulations for a year have been completed and finalized, the annual tabulations are then prepared.

## Data Appraisal

No content available