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**EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE**  
**JANUARY 2009**  
(Preliminary)

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	2009	2008	
	January <sup>p</sup>	December <sup>r</sup>	January <sup>r</sup>
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	3,270.10	3,300.96	4,993.00
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	- 34.5	- 34.0	27.9
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	- 0.9	- 5.2	- 0.6
<b>Electronic Products</b>			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	1,308.23	1,136.88	2,308.00
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	- 43.3	- 46.1	22.8
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	15.1	- 12.7	9.4

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**Top 10 Philippine Imports from All Countries: January 2009**  
(Year-on-Year Growth in Percent)

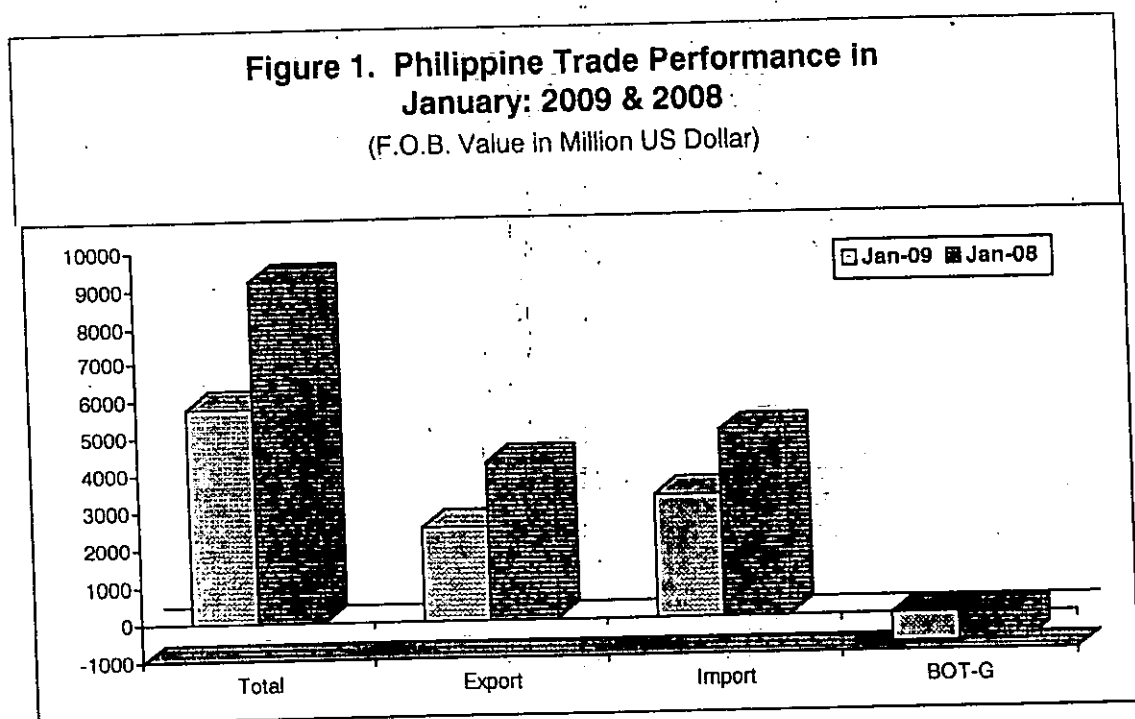
Gainers		Losers	
Transport Equipment	43.7	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	- 59.0
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	40.1	Electronic Products	- 43.3
Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	32.2	Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	- 32.1
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	0.1	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-up Articles and Related Products	- 27.2
		Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	- 24.2
		Iron and Steel	- 20.8



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## JANUARY 2009 TOTAL TRADE STANDS AT \$5.781 BILLION

Total external trade in goods for January 2009 reached \$5.781 billion, representing a 37.3 percent decline from \$9.224 billion recorded during the same month in 2008. This was due to the 34.5 percent decrease of total imports to \$3.270 billion from \$4.993 billion in January 2008. The same was true for exports where a 40.6 percent decrease was observed to \$2.511 billion from \$4.231 billion in January 2008. Thus, the balance of trade in goods (BOT-G) for the Philippines in January 2009 registered a \$759.00 million deficit from \$762 million deficit in same period last year.



## JANUARY 2009 IMPORTS FELL BY 34.5 PERCENT

The country's total merchandise imports for January 2009 plunged by 34.5 percent to \$3.270 billion from \$4.993 billion in January 2008. Compared to previous month's level, it slightly decreased by 0.9 percent from \$3.301 billion.

## ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ACCOUNT FOR 40.0 PERCENT OF IMPORT BILL

Accounting for 40.0 percent of the aggregate import bill, payments for **Electronic Products** (including consigned and direct importation using the expanded coverage of electronic products) in January 2009 amounted to \$1.308

billion. It fell by 45.3 percent over last year's figure of \$1.808 billion. On a monthly basis, it grew by 15.1 percent from \$1.137 billion recorded in December 2008. Among the major groups of electronic products, **Components/Devices (Semiconductors)** having the biggest share of 32.1 percent, decelerated by 44.7 percent to \$1.049 billion from \$1.898 billion in January 2008.

Imports of **Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials** in January 2009 ranked second with 12.9 percent share and posted a negative growth of 59.0 percent to \$421.93 million over the previous year's level of \$1.029 billion.

**Transport Equipment**, was the RP's third top import for the month with 6.1 percent share to total imports valued at \$198.34 million. A positive growth was reported at 43.7 percent from previous year level of \$138.00 million.

**Industrial Machinery and Equipment**, contributing 5.1 percent to the total import bill, was the RP's fourth top import for the month with payments placed at \$165.49 million from last year's \$165.37 million or an increase of 0.1 percent.

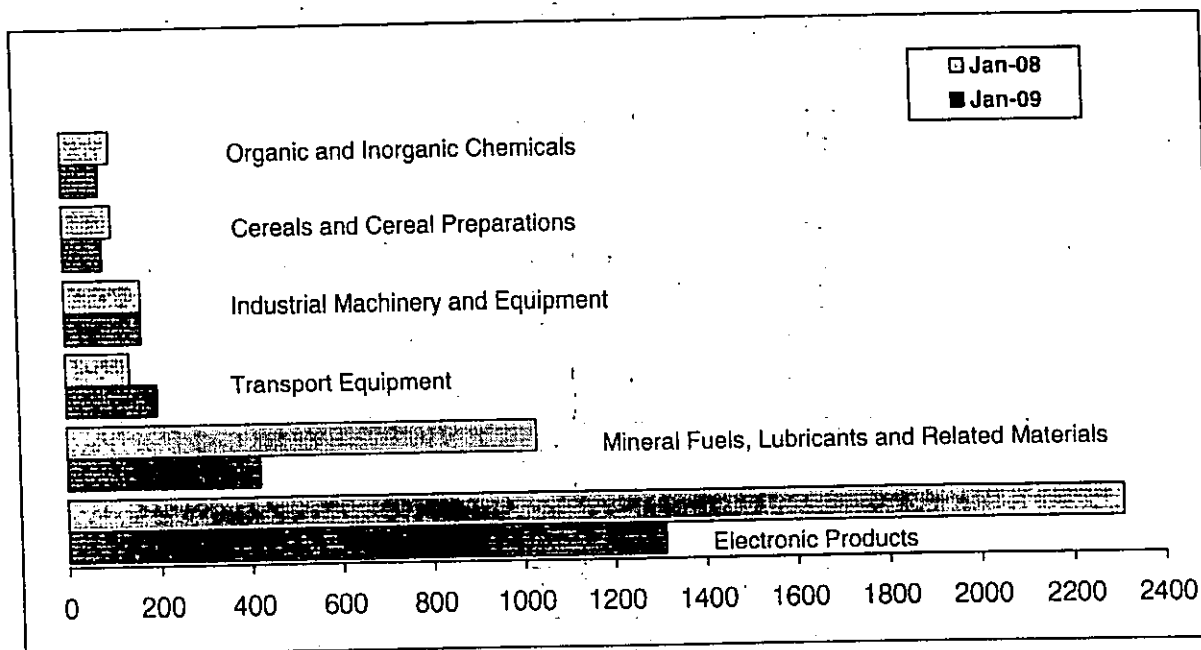
Fifth in rank and with 2.6 percent share to the total imports, **Iron and Steel** recorded \$84.33 million worth of imports, lower by 20.8 percent from its year ago level of \$106.43 million.

**Organic and Inorganic Chemicals** ranked sixth, comprising 2.5 percent of the total imports registered \$80.92 million worth of imports, declined by 24.2 percent from its year ago level of \$106.71 million.

Rounding up the list of the top ten imports for January 2009 were **Cereals and Cereals Preparation**, accounting for \$80.72 million; **Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms** amounting to \$65.24 million; **Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products**, \$63.63 million; and **Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-up Articles and Related Products** (including consignment and not on consignment), \$54.96 million.

Aggregate payment for the country's top ten imports for January 2009 reached \$2.524 billion or 77.2 percent of the total import bill

**Figure 2. Philippine Top Six Imports in January 2009 & 2008**  
(F.O.B. Value in Million US Dollar)



### **RAW MATERIALS AND INTERMEDIATE GOODS ACCOUNT FOR 48.4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORTS**

Accounting for 48.4 percent of the total imports, payments in January 2009 for **Raw Materials and Intermediate Goods** amounted to \$1.582 billion or 27.4 percent decline over last year's figure of \$2.178 billion. Compared to the previous month's level, purchases went up by 15.1 percent from \$1.374 billion. Semi-Processed Raw Materials had the biggest share of 43.5 percent and valued at \$1.423 billion.

**Capital Goods**, which comprised 28.0 percent of the total imports, went down by 33.1 percent year-on-year, to \$914.05 million from \$1.367 billion.

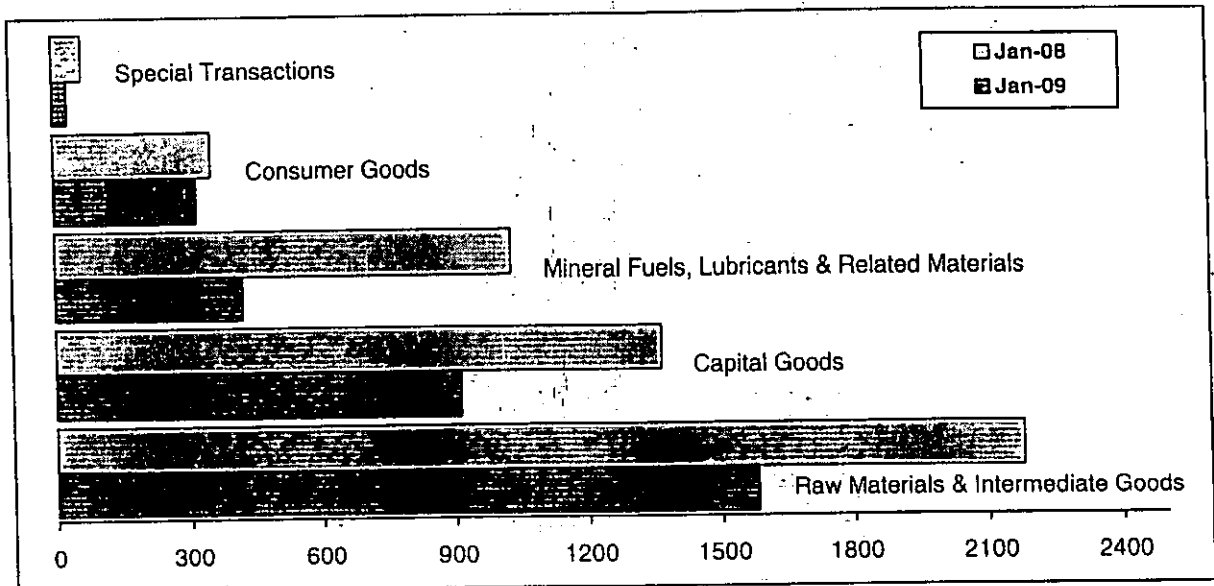
**Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials** with 12.9 percent share, decreased by 59.0 percent to \$421.93 million from \$1.029 billion in January 2008.

Purchases of **Consumer Goods** amounted to \$319.56 million or a decrease of 9.5 percent from \$353.21 million in January 2008, while **Special**

Transactions dropped by 50.1 percent to \$33.01 million from \$66.12 million in January 2008.

**Figure 3. Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods in January: 2009 & 2008**

(F.O.B. Value in Million US Dollar)



### IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACCOUNTS FOR 17.7 PERCENT

**United States of America (USA)** which includes Alaska and Hawaii, was the country's biggest source of imports for January 2009 with 17.7 percent share of the total import bill, lower by 23.6 percent from \$757.62 million in January 2008 to \$578.82 million. Exports to **USA** amounted to \$456.92 million, yielding a two-way trade value of \$1.036 billion and a trade deficit for RP of \$121.89 million.

**Japan** (including Okinawa), the second biggest source of imports with 10.9 percent share, recorded payments worth \$354.99 million, a decline of 35.2 percent from \$548.11 million in January 2008. Revenue from RP's exports to **Japan**, on the other hand, reached \$387.03 million, generating a total trade value of \$742.02 million and \$32.04 million trade surplus for the Philippines.

**People's Republic of China**, came third, accounting for 10.8 percent share of the total import bill in January 2009 which declined by 5.6 percent to \$354.35 million from \$375.49 million during the same month in 2008. Exports to **People's Republic of China** amounted to \$163.53 million resulting to a total trade value of \$517.88 million and a trade deficit of \$190.82 million.

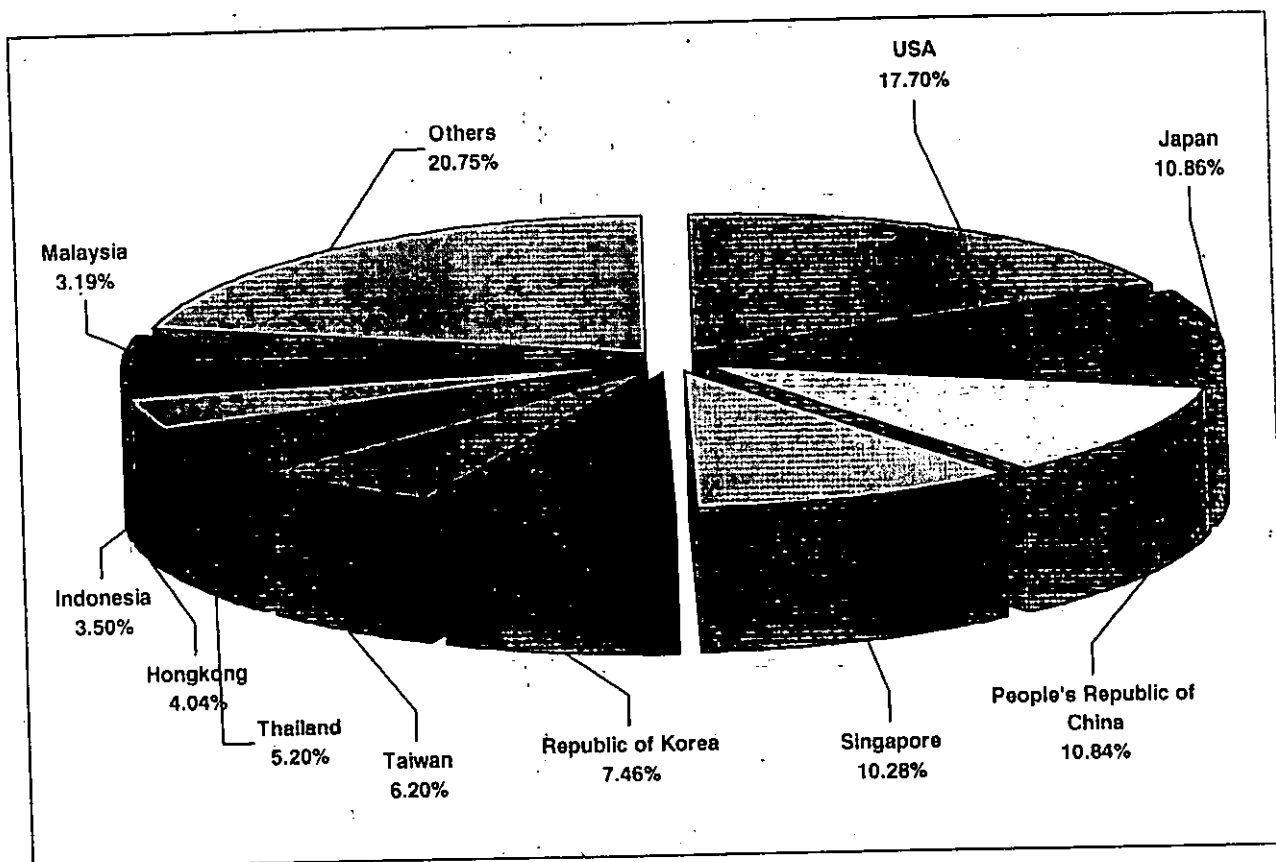
**Singapore** settled fourth; accounting for 10.3 percent share of the total import bill in January 2009, a decrease of 35.4 percent to \$336.23 million from \$520.75 million during the same month in 2008. Exports to **Singapore** amounted to \$121.64 million resulting to a total trade value of \$457.87 million and a trade deficit of \$214.59 million.

Fifth in rank is **Republic of Korea**, representing 7.5 percent of the total import bill in January 2009, amounting to \$243.82 million. Meanwhile, export receipts from **Republic of Korea** in January 2009 reached 106.78 million yielding a total trade value of 350.60 million and a trade deficit of 137.05 million.

Other major sources of imports for the month of January 2009 were **Taiwan**, \$202.68 million; **Thailand**, \$170.00 million; **Hongkong**, \$131.97 million; **Indonesia**, \$114.44 million; and **Malaysia** (including Sabah and Sarawak), \$104.30 million.

Payments for imports from the top ten sources for January 2009 amounted to \$2.592 billion or 79.3 percent of the total.

Figure 4. Philippine Imports by Country January: 2009



**Technical Notes:**

1. Adjustments on electronic import statistics are based on the transactions that pass through the Automated Cargo Operating System (ACOS) of the Bureau of Customs (BOC).
2. Starting with the January 2007 Press Release, analysis and tables are based on the 2004 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC) groupings. This is in compliance with NSCB Resolution No. 03, Series of 2005 entitled "Approving and Adopting the 2004 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification" by all concerned government agencies and instrumentalities.

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Table 1 Total Trade by Month and Year: 2009 - 2007  
(F.O.B. Value in Million US\$)

Month/Year	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Cumulative			Balance of Trade
					Total Trade	Imports	Exports	
January								
2007	7,896	3,904	3,992	88	7,896	3,904	3,992	88
2008 <sup>r</sup>	9,224	4,993	4,231	(762)	9,224	4,993	4,231	(762)
2009 <sup>p</sup>	5,781	3,270	2,511	(759)	5,781	3,270	2,511	(759)
February								
2007	7,411	3,690	3,721	31	15,307	7,594	7,713	119
2008	8,603	4,491	4,112	(379)	17,827	9,484	8,343	(1,142)
March								
2007	9,054	4,567	4,487	(79)	24,361	12,161	12,201	40
2008	9,315	5,122	4,193	(929)	27,142	14,606	12,536	(2,071)
April								
2007	8,467	4,343	4,124	(219)	32,828	16,504	16,325	(179)
2008	9,181	4,856	4,325	(531)	36,323	19,462	16,860	(2,602)
May								
2007	8,424	4,296	4,128	(168)	41,252	20,800	20,452	(347)
2008	8,989	4,765	4,224	(541)	45,312	24,227	21,085	(3,143)
June								
2007	8,854	4,707	4,147	(559)	50,106	25,506	24,600	(906)
2008	9,818	5,305	4,513	(791)	55,130	29,532	25,598	(3,934)
July								
2007	9,290	5,042	4,249	(793)	59,397	30,548	28,849	(1,699)
2008	10,286	5,848	4,437	(1,411)	65,416	35,380	30,035	(5,345)
August								
2007	9,108	4,987	4,121	(865)	68,505	35,534	32,970	(2,564)
2008	9,435	5,042	4,393	(649)	74,850	40,422	34,428	(5,994)
September								
2007	9,133	4,744	4,389	(354)	77,638	40,278	37,359	(2,919)
2008	9,302	4,864	4,439	(425)	84,152	45,286	38,867	(6,419)
October								
2007	9,810	5,151	4,660	(491)	87,448	45,429	42,019	(3,410)
2008	8,548	4,577	3,971	(606)	92,701	49,863	42,838	(7,025)
November								
2007	9,049	5,084	3,965	(1,119)	96,497	50,513	45,984	(4,529)
2008	6,995	3,482	3,513	31	99,695	53,345	46,351	(6,994)
December								
2007	9,483	5,001	4,482	(519)	105,979	55,514	50,466	(5,048)
2008	5,976	3,301	2,675	(626)	105,671	56,646	49,025	(7,620)

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

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Table 1a Total Growth Rate by Month and Year: 2009-2008

Month/Year	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Cumulative			Balance of Trade
					Total Trade	Imports	Exports	
<b>January</b>								
2008	16.8	27.9	6.0	(969.5)	16.8	27.9	6.0	(969.5)
2009 <sup>p</sup>	(37.3)	(34.5)	(40.6)	(0.5)	(37.3)	(34.5)	(40.6)	(0.5)
<b>February</b>								
2008	16.1	21.7	10.5	(1,315.9)	16.5	24.9	8.2	(1,060.4)
<b>March</b>								
2008	2.9	12.2	(6.6)	1,072.9	11.4	20.1	2.7	(5,313.8)
<b>April</b>								
2008	8.4	11.8	4.9	143.0	10.6	17.9	3.3	1,353.4
<b>May</b>								
2008	6.7	10.9	2.3	221.2	9.8	16.5	3.1	804.8
<b>June</b>								
2008	10.9	12.7	8.8	41.6	10.0	15.8	4.1	334.0
<b>July</b>								
2008	10.7	16.0	4.4	78.0	10.1	15.8	4.1	214.6
<b>August</b>								
2008	3.6	1.1	6.6	(25.0)	9.3	13.8	4.4	133.7
<b>September</b>								
2008	1.9	2.5	1.1	19.9	8.4	12.4	4.0	119.9
<b>October</b>								
2008	(12.9)	(11.1)	(14.8)	23.5	6.0	9.8	1.9	106.0
<b>November</b>								
2008	(22.7)	(31.5)	(11.4)	(102.8)	3.3	5.6	0.8	54.4
<b>December</b>								
2008	(37.0)	(34.0)	(40.3)	20.8	(0.3)	2.0	(2.9)	51.0

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**Table 2 Philippine Imports from all Countries**  
**January 2009 and December and January 2008**  
*(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)*

Commodity	2009		2008				Growth Rates (%)	
	January <sup>p</sup>	% Share	December <sup>r</sup>	% Share	January <sup>r</sup>	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,270.10</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,300.96</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,993.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>(0.94)</b>	<b>(34.51)</b>
1 Electronic Products 1/ a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	1,308.23	40.01	1,136.88	34.44	2,308.00	46.22	15.07	(43.32)
b) Electronic Data Processing	1,049.45	32.09	902.07	27.33	1,898.21	38.02	16.34	(44.71)
c) Office Equipment	138.47	4.23	119.65	3.62	245.25	4.91	15.73	(43.54)
d) Consumer Electronics	5.63	0.17	6.65	0.20	5.21	0.10	(15.30)	8.14
e) Telecommunication	32.65	1.00	24.99	0.76	33.64	0.67	30.64	(2.94)
f) Communication/Radar	56.20	1.72	59.68	1.81	94.79	1.90	(5.83)	(40.71)
g) Control and Instrumentation	9.80	0.30	7.47	0.23	12.89	0.26	31.30	(23.95)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	10.34	0.32	10.45	0.32	12.93	0.26	(1.03)	(20.04)
i) Automotive Electronics	3.66	0.11	4.43	0.13	3.38	0.07	(17.34)	8.49
2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	2.02	0.06	1.50	0.05	1.70	0.03	35.14	18.90
3 Transport Equipment	421.93	12.90	659.36	19.97	1,028.99	20.61	(36.01)	(59.00)
4 Industrial Machinery and Equipment	198.34	6.07	177.11	5.37	138.00	2.76	11.99	43.72
5 Iron and Steel	165.49	5.06	183.23	5.55	165.37	3.31	(9.68)	0.07
6 Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	84.33	2.58	76.93	2.33	106.43	2.13	9.63	(20.76)
7 Cereals and Cereal Preparations	80.92	2.47	72.22	2.19	106.71	2.14	12.05	(24.17)
8 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	80.72	2.47	113.55	3.44	57.63	1.15	(28.91)	40.07
9 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	65.24	2.00	47.70	1.45	96.14	1.93	36.77	(32.14)
10 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 2/	63.63	1.95	41.59	1.26	48.13	0.96	53.00	32.22
<b>Top 10 Imports Total</b>	<b>54.96</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>47.67</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>75.49</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>15.30</b>	<b>(27.20)</b>
11 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 3/	2,523.79	77.18	2,556.24	77.44	4,130.90	82.73	(1.27)	(38.90)
12 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.	50.31	1.54	51.53	1.56	88.54	1.77	(2.36)	(43.17)
13 Paper and Paper Products	40.46	1.24	44.48	1.35	41.92	0.84	(9.04)	(3.49)
14 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	38.50	1.18	24.00	0.73	39.91	0.80	60.44	(3.51)
15 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	38.16	1.17	33.98	1.03	40.58	0.81	12.30	(5.95)
16 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)	37.90	1.16	48.70	1.48	48.78	0.98	(22.19)	(22.31)
17 Dairy Products	37.75	1.15	46.85	1.42	29.19	0.58	(19.44)	29.32
18 Metal Products	36.37	1.11	35.79	1.08	71.85	1.44	1.63	(49.37)
19 Non-Ferrous Metal	33.08	1.01	27.12	0.82	28.59	0.57	21.98	15.68
20 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks	27.45	0.84	26.34	0.80	42.81	0.86	4.21	(35.88)
21 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery	25.30	0.77	22.09	0.67	27.86	0.56	14.54	(9.19)
22 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	25.06	0.77	12.97	0.39	21.56	0.43	93.23	16.24
23 Fertilizers, Manufactured	22.39	0.68	18.56	0.56	21.33	0.43	20.69	5.01
24 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials	21.88	0.67	32.56	0.99	41.11	0.82	(32.81)	(46.78)
25 Rubber Manufacture	21.51	0.66	11.16	0.34	18.02	0.36	92.79	19.38
26 Textiles Fiber & Their Waste	9.40	0.29	7.96	0.24	13.35	0.27	18.02	(29.60)
27 Office and EDP Machines	6.73	0.21	6.80	0.21	8.50	0.17	(0.95)	(20.78)
28 Others	0.46	0.01	0.63	0.02	0.42	0.01	(28.01)	7.99
	273.60	8.37	293.20	8.88	277.80	5.56	(6.69)	(1.51)

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Tables 2a Philippine Imports from all Countries  
January to January 2009 and 2008  
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Commodity	2009	2008	Growth Rate
	Jan-Jan <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Jan <sup>r</sup>	
Total	3,270,095,921	4,992,999,679	(34.51)
1 Electronic Products 1/	1,308,228,184	2,308,001,495	(43.32)
a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	1,049,450,849	1,898,211,355	(44.71)
b) Electronic Data Processing	138,468,676	245,253,021	(43.54)
c) Office Equipment	5,634,084	5,210,000	8.14
d) Consumer Electronics	32,648,149	33,636,309	(2.94)
e) Telecommunication	56,198,094	94,792,504	(40.71)
f) Communication/Radar	9,802,086	12,888,591	(23.95)
g) Control and Instrumentation	10,340,396	12,932,014	(20.04)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	3,662,451	3,375,935	8.49
i) Automotive Electronics	2,023,399	1,701,766	18.90
2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	421,933,055	1,028,989,832	(59.00)
3 Office and EDP Machines	456,635	422,855	7.99
4 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 2/	50,313,160	88,536,818	(43.17)
5 Industrial Machinery and Equipment	165,490,014	165,369,462	0.07
6 Transport Equipment	198,339,327	138,004,662	43.72
7 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 3/	54,956,772	75,490,155	(27.20)
8 Cereals and Cereal Preparations	80,715,564	57,626,154	40.07
9 Organic and Inorganic Chemical	80,915,922	106,711,071	(24.17)
10 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	65,241,150	96,144,897	(32.14)
11 Iron and Steel	84,332,107	106,432,093	(20.76)
12 Dairy Products	36,374,608	71,845,432	(49.37)
13 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.	40,456,592	41,921,233	(3.49)
14 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	63,634,731	48,127,517	32.22
15 Non-Ferrous Metal	27,450,396	42,808,919	(35.88)
16 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	38,164,004	40,577,483	(5.95)
17 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)	37,745,224	29,188,570	29.32
18 Paper and Paper Products	38,503,134	39,905,252	(3.51)
19 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks	25,303,257	27,864,257	(9.19)
20 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery	25,059,768	21,558,200	16.24
21 Metal Products	33,077,285	28,593,045	15.68
22 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials	21,508,259	18,016,763	19.38
23 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	22,394,744	21,325,883	5.01
24 Fertilizers, Manufactured	21,878,484	41,110,698	(46.78)
25 Rubber Manufacture	9,396,720	13,348,117	(29.60)
26 Textiles Fiber & Their Waste	6,732,056	8,497,400	(20.78)
27 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	37,895,752	48,776,444	(22.31)
28 Others	273,599,017	277,804,972	(1.51)

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Table 3 Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods  
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Commodity Group	2009		2008				Growth Rate	
	January <sup>p</sup>		December <sup>r</sup>		January <sup>r</sup>		(%)	
	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>3,270,096</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,300,961</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,993,000</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>(0.94)</b>	<b>(34.51)</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>914,048</b>	<b>27.95</b>	<b>896,999</b>	<b>27.17</b>	<b>1,367,162</b>	<b>27.38</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>(33.14)</b>
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	192,539	5.89	197,369	5.98	188,469	3.77	(2.45)	2.16
Office & EDP Machines	144,468	4.42	126,880	3.84	250,827	5.02	13.86	(42.40)
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	417,174	12.76	441,775	13.38	822,497	16.47	(5.57)	(49.28)
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	41,114	1.26	46,969	1.42	44,969	0.90	(12.47)	(8.57)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	83,189	2.54	51,553	1.56	19,629	0.39	61.37	323.80
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	35,564	1.09	32,453	0.98	40,770	0.82	9.58	(12.77)
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,581,542</b>	<b>48.36</b>	<b>1,374,018</b>	<b>41.62</b>	<b>2,177,526</b>	<b>43.61</b>	<b>15.10</b>	<b>(27.37)</b>
<b>Unprocessed Raw Materials</b>	<b>158,426</b>	<b>4.84</b>	<b>207,828</b>	<b>6.30</b>	<b>143,311</b>	<b>2.87</b>	<b>(23.77)</b>	<b>10.55</b>
Wheat	68,016	2.08	91,929	2.78	37,987	0.76	(26.01)	79.05
Corn	3,651	0.11	586	0.02	462	0.01	522.91	689.97
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	567	0.02	387	0.01	1,336	0.03	46.35	(57.58)
Crude materials, inedible	84,584	2.59	99,322	3.01	92,135	1.85	(14.84)	(8.20)
Pulp & waste paper	4,370	0.13	1,646	0.05	5,873	0.12	165.57	(25.59)
Cotton	933	0.03	1,588	0.05	1,975	0.04	(41.24)	(52.76)
Syn. Fibers	5,128	0.16	4,777	0.14	6,097	0.12	7.35	(15.89)
Metalliferous ores	37,896	1.16	48,701	1.48	48,781	0.98	(22.19)	(22.32)
Others	36,257	1.11	42,610	1.29	29,409	0.59	(14.91)	23.28
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,608	0.05	15,603	0.47	11,390	0.23	(89.69)	(85.88)
<b>Semi-Processed Raw Materials</b>	<b>1,423,116</b>	<b>43.52</b>	<b>1,166,190</b>	<b>35.33</b>	<b>2,034,215</b>	<b>40.74</b>	<b>22.03</b>	<b>(30.04)</b>
Feeding stuffs for animals	37,745	1.15	46,852	1.42	29,189	0.58	(19.44)	29.32
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	11,693	0.36	12,422	0.38	16,817	0.34	(5.86)	(30.47)
<b>Chemical</b>	<b>330,720</b>	<b>10.11</b>	<b>278,873</b>	<b>8.45</b>	<b>378,938</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>18.59</b>	<b>(12.72)</b>
Chemical compounds	80,972	2.48	72,304	2.19	106,724	2.14	11.99	(24.13)
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	63,709	1.95	41,591	1.26	48,130	0.96	53.18	32.37
Urea	12,983	0.40	18,444	0.56	16,248	0.33	(29.61)	(20.10)
Fertilizer excl. urea	8,896	0.27	14,118	0.43	24,862	0.50	(36.99)	(64.22)
Artificial resins	65,308	2.00	47,838	1.45	96,151	1.93	36.52	(32.08)
Others	98,854	3.02	84,576	2.56	86,822	1.74	16.88	13.86
<b>Manufactured goods</b>	<b>268,671</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>227,849</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>324,704</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>17.92</b>	<b>(17.26)</b>
Paper & paper products	37,714	1.15	23,403	0.71	39,793	0.80	61.15	(5.22)
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	45,583	1.39	40,421	1.22	62,691	1.26	12.77	(27.29)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	22,570	0.69	18,556	0.56	21,395	0.43	21.63	5.50
Iron & steel	84,332	2.58	76,927	2.33	106,432	2.13	9.63	(20.76)
Non-ferrous metals	27,469	0.84	26,367	0.80	42,818	0.86	4.18	(35.85)
Metal products	33,171	1.01	27,226	0.82	28,603	0.57	21.83	15.97
Others	17,833	0.55	14,949	0.45	22,972	0.46	19.29	(22.37)
Embroideries	9,576	0.29	7,506	0.23	13,532	0.27	27.57	(29.24)
Mach/acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	764,710	23.38	592,689	17.96	1,271,035	25.46	29.02	(39.84)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	a	-	a	-	a	-	-	-
<b>Mineral Fuels, Lubricant &amp; Related Materials</b>	<b>421,933</b>	<b>12.90</b>	<b>659,364</b>	<b>19.97</b>	<b>1,028,990</b>	<b>20.61</b>	<b>(36.01)</b>	<b>(59.00)</b>
Coal, Coke	25,954	0.79	38,892	1.18	25,571	0.51	(33.27)	1.50
Petroleum crude	23,163	0.71	322,339	9.76	655,900	13.14	(92.81)	(96.47)
Others	372,816	11.40	298,133	9.03	347,519	6.96	25.05	7.28
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>319,564</b>	<b>9.77</b>	<b>339,536</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>353,205</b>	<b>7.07</b>	<b>(5.88)</b>	<b>(5.52)</b>
<b>Durable</b>	<b>156,068</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>149,125</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>157,576</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>4.66</b>	<b>(0.96)</b>
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	75,094	2.30	79,104	2.40	74,381	1.49	(5.07)	0.96
Home appliances	20,830	0.64	18,218	0.55	22,044	0.44	14.34	(5.51)
Misc. manufactures	60,144	1.84	51,804	1.57	61,151	1.22	16.10	(1.65)
<b>Non-Durable</b>	<b>163,496</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>190,411</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>195,629</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>(14.14)</b>	<b>(16.43)</b>
Food & live animals chiefly for food	150,435	4.60	177,947	5.39	182,365	3.65	(15.46)	(17.51)
Dairy products	36,375	1.11	35,792	1.08	71,845	1.44	1.63	(49.37)
Fish & fish preparation	11,057	0.34	6,728	0.20	12,330	0.25	64.35	(10.33)
Rice	90	0.00	9,853	0.30	2,263	0.05	(99.09)	(96.04)
Fruits & vegetables	21,852	0.67	34,329	1.04	16,734	0.34	(36.34)	30.58
Others	81,062	2.48	91,245	2.76	79,192	1.59	(11.16)	2.36
Beverages & tobacco mfr.	3,911	0.12	6,255	0.19	4,806	0.10	(37.46)	(18.61)
Articles of apparel, access.	9,150	0.28	6,209	0.19	8,458	0.17	47.36	8.18
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>33,009</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>31,044</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>66,118</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>(50.08)</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	14,667	0.45	14,914	0.45	19,747	0.40	(1.66)	(25.73)
Others	18,342	0.56	16,131	0.49	46,371	0.93	13.71	(60.44)

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

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Table 3a Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods  
Cumulative Value January to January 2009 & 2008  
(FOB Value in U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Description	2009 Jan-Jan <sup>p</sup>	2008 Jan-Jan <sup>r</sup>	Growth Rate
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>3,270,095,921</b>	<b>4,992,999,679</b>	<b>(34.51)</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>914,047,863</b>	<b>1,367,161,722</b>	<b>(33.14)</b>
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	192,539,499	188,468,834	2.16
Office & EDP Machines	144,468,396	250,827,222	(42.40)
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	417,173,516	822,497,365	(49.28)
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	41,113,940	44,968,647	(8.57)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	83,188,621	19,629,439	323.80
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	35,563,891	40,770,215	(12.77)
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1,581,541,868</b>	<b>2,177,525,616</b>	<b>(27.37)</b>
<b>Unprocessed Raw Materials</b>	<b>158,425,908</b>	<b>143,311,083</b>	<b>10.55</b>
Wheat	68,016,443	37,987,098	79.05
Corn	3,650,636	462,122	689.97
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	566,828	1,336,354	(57.58)
Crude materials, inedible	84,583,679	92,135,401	(8.20)
Pulp & waste paper	4,370,263	5,872,992	(25.59)
Cotton	932,934	1,974,890	(52.76)
Syn. Fibers	5,128,188	6,096,790	(15.89)
Metalliferous ores	37,895,752	48,781,464	(22.32)
Others	36,256,542	29,409,265	23.28
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,608,322	11,390,108	(85.88)
<b>Semi-Processed Raw Materials</b>	<b>1,423,115,960</b>	<b>2,034,214,533</b>	<b>(30.04)</b>
Feeding stuffs for animals	37,745,224	29,188,570	29.32
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	11,693,388	16,817,263	(30.47)
<b>Chemical</b>	<b>330,720,185</b>	<b>378,938,115</b>	<b>(12.72)</b>
Chemical compounds	80,971,653	106,724,162	(24.13)
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	63,708,503	48,129,954	32.37
Urea	12,982,853	16,248,242	(20.10)
Fertilizer excl. urea	8,895,631	24,862,456	(64.22)
Artificial resins	65,307,807	96,150,989	(32.08)
Others	98,853,738	86,822,312	13.86
<b>Manufactured goods</b>	<b>268,671,274</b>	<b>324,703,679</b>	<b>(17.26)</b>
Paper &/paper products	37,713,865	39,792,504	(5.22)
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	45,582,559	62,691,252	(27.29)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	22,570,235	21,394,570	5.50
Iron & steel	84,332,107	106,432,093	(20.76)
Non-ferrous metals	27,468,771	42,818,378	(35.85)
Metal products	33,170,596	28,602,810	15.97
Others	17,833,141	22,972,072	(22.37)
Embroideries	9,575,799	13,532,045	(29.24)
Mau/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	764,710,090	1,271,034,861	(39.84)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	a	a	-
<b>Mineral Fuels, Lubricant &amp; Related Materials</b>	<b>421,933,055</b>	<b>1,028,989,832</b>	<b>(59.00)</b>
Coal, Coke	25,954,285	25,571,242	1.50
Petroleum crude	23,162,605	655,899,580	(96.47)
Others	372,816,165	347,519,010	7.28
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>319,564,377</b>	<b>353,204,937</b>	<b>(9.52)</b>
<b>Durable</b>	<b>156,067,935</b>	<b>157,575,821</b>	<b>(0.96)</b>
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	75,093,694	74,381,264	0.96
Home appliances	20,829,955	22,043,627	(5.51)
Misc. manufactures	60,144,286	61,150,930	(1.65)
<b>Non-Durable</b>	<b>163,496,442</b>	<b>195,629,116</b>	<b>(16.43)</b>
Food & live animals chiefly for food	150,435,034	182,364,675	(17.51)
Dairy products	36,374,608	71,845,432	(49.37)
Fish & fish preparation	11,056,747	12,330,190	(10.33)
Rice	89,676	2,263,099	(96.04)
Fruits & vegetables	21,852,491	16,734,446	30.58
Others	81,061,512	79,191,508	2.36
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	3,911,387	4,806,015	(18.61)
Articles of apparel, access.	9,150,021	8,458,426	8.18
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>33,008,758</b>	<b>66,117,572</b>	<b>(50.08)</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	14,666,621	19,746,984	(25.73)
Others	18,342,137	46,370,588	(60.44)

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

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**Table 4 Philippine Imports Performance by Country: January 2009 & 2008**  
*(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)*

Country of Origin	2009		2008		Annual Growth Rate (%)
	January	% Share	January	% Share	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,270.10</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,993.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>(34.51)</b>
<b>Top 10 Countries Total</b>	<b>2,591.61</b>	<b>79.25</b>	<b>3,594.23</b>	<b>71.99</b>	<b>(27.90)</b>
1 United States Of America 1/	578.82	17.70	757.62	15.17	(23.60)
2 Japan 2/	354.99	10.86	548.11	10.98	(35.23)
3 China, People's Republic of	354.35	10.84	375.49	7.52	(5.63)
4 Singapore	336.23	10.28	520.75	10.43	(35.43)
5 Korea, Republic of	243.82	7.46	312.75	6.26	(22.04)
6 Taiwan	202.68	6.20	393.00	7.87	(48.43)
7 Thailand	170.00	5.20	183.95	3.68	(7.58)
8 Hong Kong	131.97	4.04	184.38	3.69	(28.42)
9 Indonesia	114.44	3.50	91.91	1.84	24.51
10 Malaysia 3/	104.30	3.19	226.27	4.53	(53.90)
11 Others	678.49	20.75	1,398.76	28.01	(51.49)

\* Based on January 2009 ranking.

1/ includes Alaska and Hawaii

2/ includes Okinawa

3/ includes Sabah and Sarawak

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

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**Table 5 Balance of Trade by Major Trading Partners: January 2009**  
*(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)*

Country	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
Total	5,781.28	3,270.10	2,511.19	(758.91)
1 United States Of America 1/	1,035.74	578.82	456.92	(121.89)
2 Japan 2/	742.02	354.99	387.03	32.04
3 China, People's Republic of	517.88	354.35	163.53	(190.82)
4 Singapore	457.87	336.23	121.64	(214.59)
5 Korea, Republic of	350.60	243.82	106.78	(137.05)
6 Hong Kong	333.34	131.97	201.37	69.40
7 Germany	324.94	83.79	241.15	157.36
8 Taiwan	322.05	202.68	119.37	(83.31)
9 Netherlands	257.20	31.38	225.82	194.44
10 Thailand	242.62	170.00	72.61	(97.39)
11 Malaysia 3/	168.10	104.30	63.80	(40.51)
12 Indonesia	138.71	114.44	24.28	(90.16)
13 Australia	107.87	92.03	15.84	(76.19)
14 France	93.60	77.55	16.05	(61.51)

1/ includes Alaska and Hawaii

2/ includes Okinawa

3/ includes Sabah and Sarawak

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