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	2009		2008
	April ^p	March ^r	April ^r
TOTAL IMPORTS			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	3,041.10	3,269.83	4,856.96
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	- 37.4	- 36.2	11.8
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	- 7.0	6.9	- 5.2
Electronic Products			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	924.42	1,117.15	1,594.64
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	- 42.0	- 40.7	- 10.6
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	-17.3	4.0	- 15.3

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

Gainers		Losers	
Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	8.7	Iron and Steel	- 58.5
Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	3.0	Transport Equipment	- 58.4
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	0.9	Industrial Machinery and Equipment	- 47.8
		Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	- 46.8
		Electronic Products	- 42.0
		Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	- 38.3
		Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-up Articles and Related Products	- 28.7

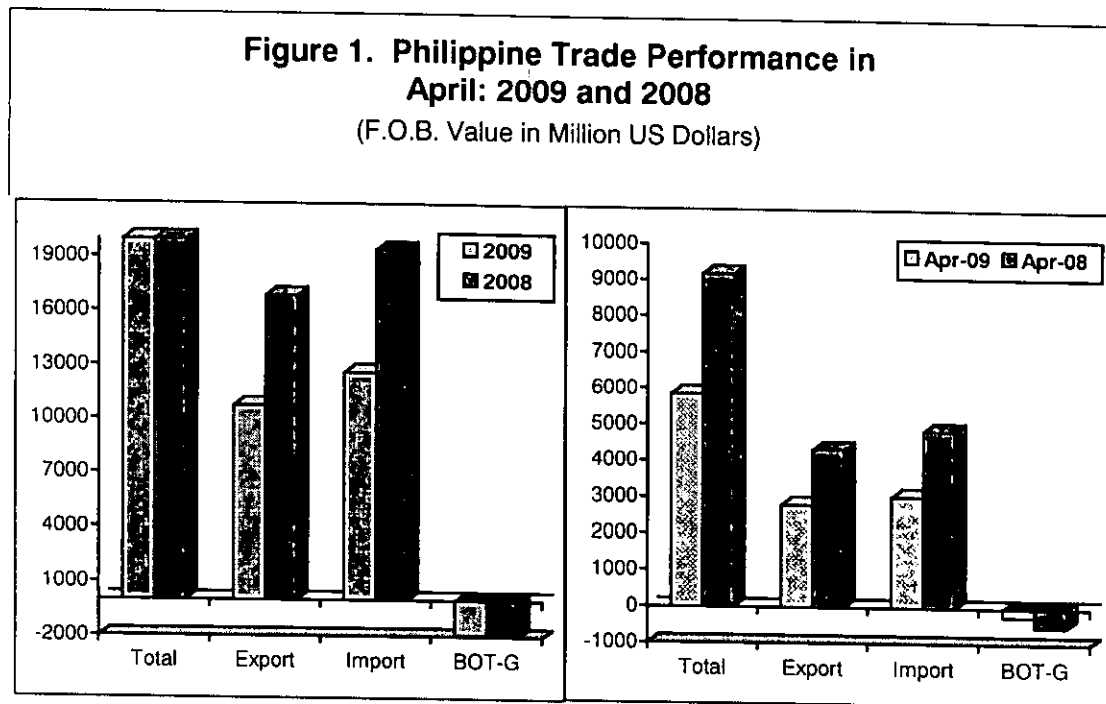


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TOTAL TRADE DROPPED AT \$5.844 BILLION IN APRIL 2009

Total external trade in goods for April 2009 reached \$5.844 billion, representing a 36.4 percent decline from \$9.184 billion recorded during the same month in 2008. This was attributed to the 37.4 percent decrease of total imports to \$3.041 billion from \$4.857 billion reported in March 2008. Similarly, total exports went down by 35.2 percent to \$2.803 billion from \$4.327 billion recorded a year earlier. Thus, the balance of trade in goods (BOT-G) for the Philippines in April 2009 registered a \$238 million deficit from \$529 million deficit in the same period last year.



APRIL 2009 IMPORTS FELL BY 37.4 PERCENT

The country's total merchandise imports for April 2009 plunged by 37.4 percent to \$3.041 billion from \$4.857 billion in April 2008. Month-on-month, it went down by 7.0 percent from \$3.270 billion recorded in March 2009.

ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ACCOUNTED FOR 30.4 PERCENT OF IMPORT BILL

Accounting for 30.4 percent of the aggregate import bill, payments for **Electronic Products** (including consigned and direct importation using the expanded coverage of electronic products) in April 2009 amounted to \$924.42

million. It plummeted by 42.0 percent over last year's share of \$1.595 billion. This was due to the 46.7 percent decrease in the **Components/Devices (Semiconductors)** which comprised the biggest share of 21.2 percent among the major groups of electronic products. Similarly, it decreased by 17.3 percent from \$1.117 billion posted a month ago.

Imports of **Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials** comprising 18.1 percent of the total imports in April 2009 ranked second, valued at \$551.67 million over the previous year's level of \$1.037 billion.

Cereals and Cereal Preparations, amounting to \$242.11 million was the RP's third top import for the month with 8.0 percent share to total imports and showed a positive annual growth of 0.9 percent.

Contributing 4.2 percent to the total import bill and RP's fourth top imports in April 2009 was **Transport Equipment** with payments placed at \$126.65 million. The amount decreased by 58.3 percent from last year's value of \$304.07 million.

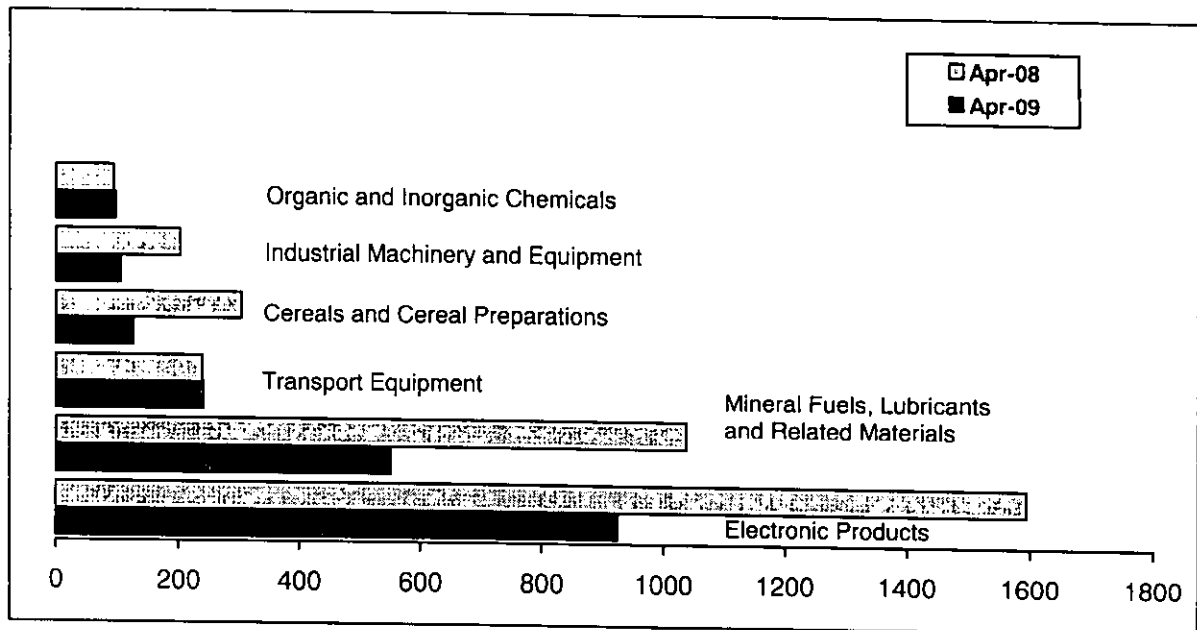
Fifth in rank and with 3.5 percent share, **Industrial Machinery and Equipment** registered \$106.01 million worth of imports, lower by 47.8 percent from its year ago level of \$203.25 million.

Organic and Inorganic Chemicals ranked sixth, representing 3.2 percent of the total imports recorded \$97.08 million worth of imports up by 3.0 percent from its year ago level of \$94.27 million.

Rounding up the list of the top ten imports for April 2009 were **Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products**, accounting for \$61.84 million and showed the highest positive growth of 8.7 percent among the top ten imports; **Iron and Steel** amounting to \$56.60 million and posted the highest negative growth of 58.5 percent; **Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-up Articles and Related Products** (including consignment and not on consignment), \$55.75 million; and **Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms**, \$55.60 million.

Aggregate payment for the country's top imports for April 2009 reached \$2.278 billion or 74.9 percent of the total import bill.

Figure 2. Philippine Top Six Imports in April 2009 and 2008
(F.O.B. Value in Million US Dollars)



RAW MATERIALS AND INTERMEDIATE GOODS ACCOUNTED FOR 34.8 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORTS

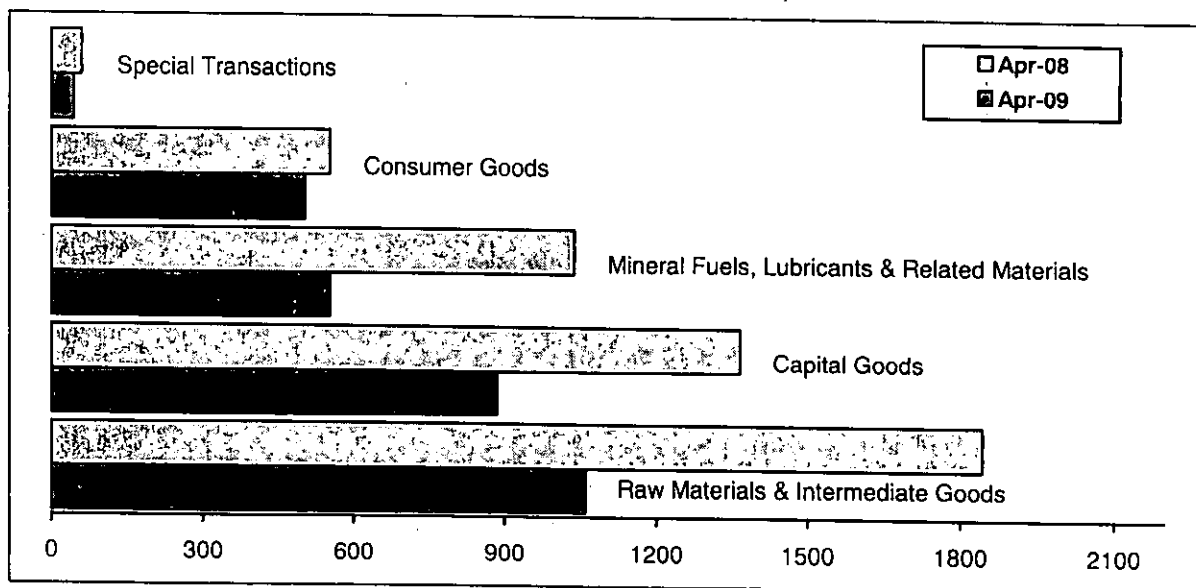
Accounting for 34.8 percent of the total imports, payments in April 2009 for **Raw Materials and Intermediate Goods** amounted to \$1.059 billion or 42.6 percent decline over last year's figure of \$1.843 billion. Compared to the previous month's level, purchases fell by 21.5 percent from \$1.349 billion. **Semi-Processed Raw Materials** having the biggest share of 29.7 percent and valued at \$903.10 million decreased by 44.5 percent from \$1.627 billion level a year ago.

Capital Goods, contributing 29.1 percent to the total imports, plummeted by 35.2 percent year-on-year to \$885.01 million from \$1.366 billion. Similarly, **Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials** with 18.1 percent share, went down by 46.8 percent to \$551.67 million from \$1.037 billion in April 2008.

Purchases of **Consumer Goods** amounted to \$502.10 million or a negative growth of 8.9 percent from \$551.64 million in April 2008, while **Special**

Transactions dropped by 26.3 percent to \$43.66 million from \$59.23 million in April 2008.

Figure 3. Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods in April: 2009 and 2008
(F.O.B. Value in Million US Dollars)



IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ACCOUNTED FOR 12.9 PERCENT

Japan (including Okinawa), was the country's biggest source of imports for April 2009 with 12.9 percent share, recorded payments worth \$393.02 million, a decline of 28.9 percent year on year from \$552.45 million. Revenue from the country's exports to **Japan**, on the other hand, reached \$433.86 million, generating a total trade value of \$826.88 million and \$40.84 million trade surplus for the Philippines.

United States of America (USA) which includes Alaska and Hawaii with 10.5 percent share of the total import bill amounting to \$318.91 million emerged as the second biggest source of imports for April 2009. This value is lower by 43.9 percent from \$568.29 million in April 2008. Exports to **USA** amounted to \$447.23 million, yielding a two-way trade value of \$766.14 million and a trade surplus for RP of \$128.32 million.

People's Republic of China, came third, accounting for 9.3 percent share of the total import bill in April 2009 went down by 19.7 percent to \$281.79 million from \$350.84 million during the same month in 2008. Exports to **People's**

Republic of China amounted to \$306.86 million resulting to a total trade value of \$588.65 million and a trade surplus of \$25.06 million.

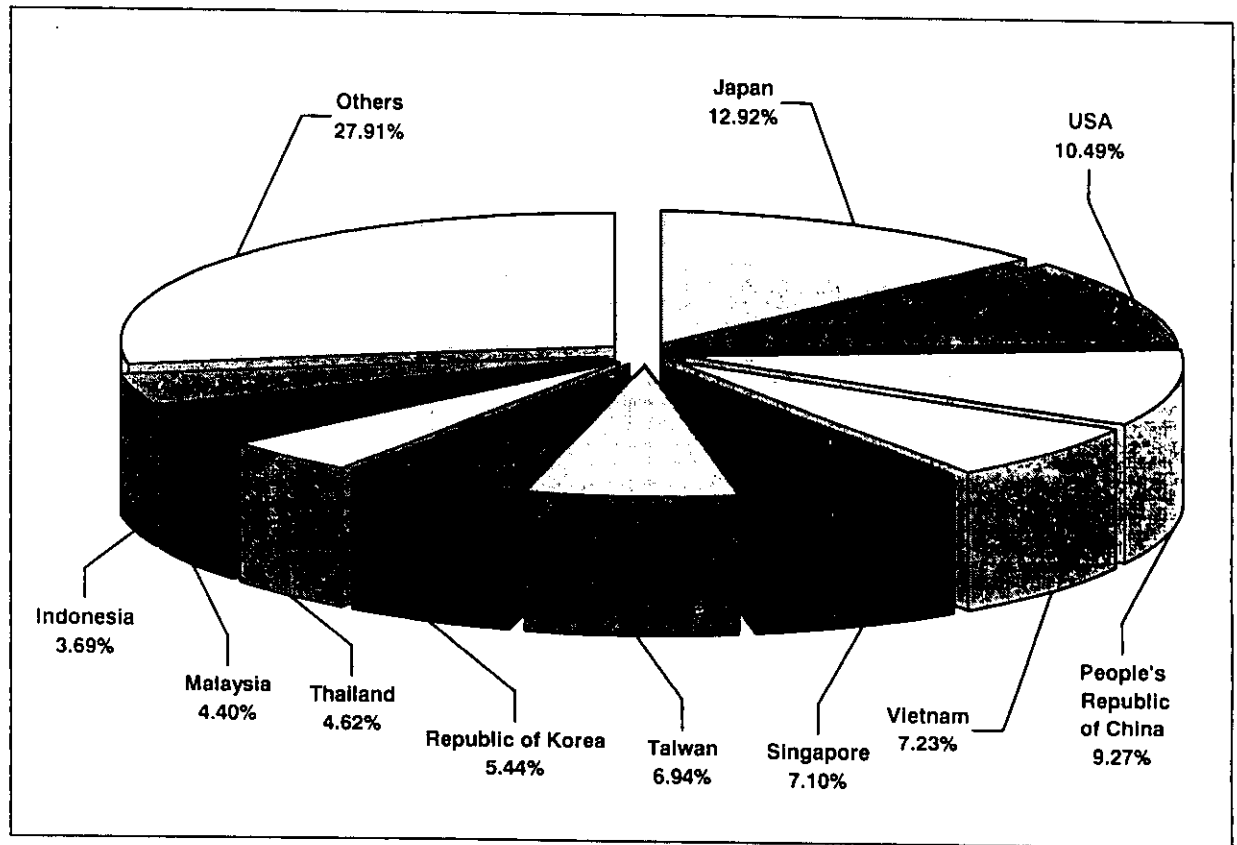
Rank fourth in April 2009 and with 7.2 percent share was **Vietnam** valued at \$219.76 million. This amount increased by 49.7 percent from \$146.80 million posted in April 2008. Exports to **Vietnam** amounted to \$42.15 million resulting to a total trade value of \$261.91 million and a trade deficit of \$177.61 million.

Fifth in rank is **Singapore**, representing 7.1 percent of the total import bill in April 2009, amounting to \$215.95 million. Meanwhile, export receipts from **Singapore** in April 2009 reached \$169.68 million yielding a total trade value of \$385.64 million and a trade deficit of \$46.27 million.

Other major sources of imports for the month of April 2009 were **Taiwan**, \$211.00 million; **Republic of Korea**, \$165.35 million; **Thailand**, \$140.35 million; **Malaysia** (including Sabah and Sarawak), \$133.69 million; and **Indonesia**, \$112.37 million.

Payments for imports from the top ten sources for April 2009 amounted to \$2.192 billion or 72.1 percent of the total.

Figure 4. Philippine Imports by Country in April: 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 February 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	9,226	4,996	4,231	(765)	9,226	4,996	4,231	(765)
2009	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)	17,830	9,487	8,343	(1,145)
2009	5,565	3,059	2,506	(552)	11,346	6,329	5,017	(1,311)
March								
2007	9,054	4,567	4,487	(79)	24,361	12,161	12,201	40
2008	9,323	5,123	4,200	(923)	27,153	14,610	12,543	(2,068)
2009	6,177	3,270	2,907	(363)	17,523	9,599	7,924	(1,674)
April								
2007	8,467	4,343	4,124	(219)	32,828	16,504	16,325	(179)
2008	9,184	4,857	4,327	(529)	36,337	19,467	16,870	(2,597)
2009 ^p	5,844	3,041	2,803	(238)	23,367	12,640	10,727	(1,912)
May								
2007	8,424	4,296	4,128	(168)	41,252	20,800	20,452	(347)
2008	9,001	4,776	4,225	(550)	45,338	24,243	21,096	(3,147)
June								
2007	8,854	4,707	4,147	(559)	50,106	25,506	24,600	(906)
2008	9,849	5,322	4,527	(795)	55,188	29,565	25,623	(3,943)
July								
2007	9,290	5,042	4,249	(793)	59,397	30,548	28,849	(1,699)
2008	10,320	5,882	4,437	(1,445)	65,507	35,447	30,060	(5,388)
August								
2007	9,108	4,987	4,121	(865)	68,505	35,534	32,970	(2,564)
2008	9,439	5,044	4,394	(650)	74,946	40,492	34,454	(6,037)
September								
2007	9,133	4,744	4,389	(354)	77,638	40,278	37,359	(2,919)
2008	9,337	4,891	4,446	(445)	84,283	45,383	38,900	(6,483)
October								
2007	9,810	5,151	4,660	(491)	87,448	45,429	42,019	(3,410)
2008	8,568	4,578	3,990	(588)	92,850	49,960	42,890	(7,070)
November								
2007	9,049	5,084	3,965	(1,119)	96,497	50,513	45,984	(4,529)
2008	6,998	3,485	3,513	28	99,848	53,445	46,403	(7,042)
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)	105,824	56,746	49,078	(7,669)

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	
January								
2008	16.8	28.0	6.0	(972.6)	16.8	28.0	6.0	(972.6)
2009	(37.3)	(34.5)	(40.6)	(0.8)	(37.3)	(34.5)	(40.6)	(0.8)
February								
2008	16.1	21.7	10.5	(1,315.9)	16.5	24.9	8.2	(1,062.7)
2009	(35.3)	(31.9)	(39.0)	45.6	(36.4)	(33.3)	(39.9)	14.6
March								
2008	3.0	12.2	(6.4)	1,065.5	11.5	20.1	2.8	(5,306.1)
2009	(33.8)	(36.2)	(30.8)	(60.7)	(35.5)	(34.3)	(36.8)	(19.0)
April								
2008 ^r	8.5	11.8	4.9	142.1	10.7	18.0	3.3	1,350.6
2009 ^p	(36.4)	(37.4)	(35.2)	(55.1)	(35.7)	(35.1)	(36.4)	(26.4)
May								
2008	6.9	11.2	2.4	227.0	9.9	16.6	3.1	806.2
June								
2008	11.2	13.1	9.2	42.2	10.1	15.9	4.2	335.0
July								
2008	11.1	16.7	4.4	82.3	10.3	16.0	4.2	217.1
August								
2008	3.6	1.2	6.6	(24.9)	9.4	14.0	4.5	135.4
September								
2008	2.2	3.1	1.3	25.7	8.6	12.7	4.1	122.1
October								
2008	(12.7)	(11.1)	(14.4)	19.7	6.2	10.0	2.1	107.4
November								
2008	(22.7)	(31.5)	(11.4)	(102.5)	3.5	5.8	0.9	55.5
December								
2008	(37.0)	(34.0)	(40.3)	20.8	(0.1)	2.2	(2.8)	51.9

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

Commodity	2009				2008		Growth Rates (%)	
	April ^p	% Share	March ^r	% Share	April	% Share	Monthly	Annual
Total	3,041.10	100.00	3,269.83	100.00	4,856.96	100.00	(7.00)	(37.39)
1 Electronic Products 1/	924.42	30.40	1,117.15	34.17	1,594.64	32.83	(17.25)	(42.03)
a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	644.23	21.18	829.00	25.35	1,209.59	24.90	(22.29)	(46.74)
b) Electronic Data Processing	152.39	5.01	139.34	4.26	244.89	5.04	9.36	(37.78)
c) Office Equipment	6.55	0.22	5.52	0.17	6.21	0.13	18.71	5.57
d) Consumer Electronics	36.05	1.19	32.75	1.00	28.24	0.58	10.08	27.64
e) Telecommunication	54.97	1.81	73.49	2.25	74.13	1.53	(25.20)	(25.86)
f) Communication/Radar	9.47	0.31	19.71	0.60	15.07	0.31	(51.96)	(37.15)
g) Control and Instrumentation	10.39	0.34	8.59	0.26	12.09	0.25	20.87	(14.07)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	9.03	0.30	6.93	0.21	2.00	0.04	30.25	351.44
i) Automotive Electronics	1.36	0.04	1.82	0.06	2.42	0.05	(25.34)	(43.80)
2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	551.67	18.14	467.12	14.29	1,037.36	21.36	18.10	(46.82)
3 Cereals and Cereal Preparations	242.11	7.96	254.24	7.78	239.95	4.94	(4.77)	0.90
4 Transport Equipment	126.65	4.16	161.09	4.93	304.07	6.26	(21.38)	(58.35)
5 Industrial Machinery and Equipment	106.01	3.49	128.60	3.93	203.25	4.18	(17.57)	(47.84)
6 Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	97.08	3.19	93.18	2.85	94.27	1.94	4.19	2.99
7 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	61.84	2.03	56.12	1.72	56.92	1.17	10.19	8.65
8 Iron and Steel	56.60	1.86	75.39	2.31	136.51	2.81	(24.93)	(58.54)
9 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 2/	55.75	1.83	58.08	1.78	78.22	1.61	(4.01)	(28.73)
10 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	55.60	1.83	57.76	1.77	90.16	1.86	(3.74)	(38.33)
Top-10 Imports Total	2,277.72	74.90	2,468.74	75.50	3,835.35	78.97	(7.74)	(40.61)
11 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 3/	46.11	1.52	47.29	1.45	78.00	1.61	(2.50)	(40.89)
12 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.	45.78	1.51	51.77	1.58	56.35	1.16	(11.57)	(18.75)
13 Paper and Paper Products	41.31	1.36	34.17	1.05	40.17	0.83	20.89	2.85
14 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	38.61	1.27	48.52	1.48	59.87	1.23	(20.43)	(35.51)
15 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)	37.49	1.23	51.69	1.58	62.73	1.29	(27.48)	(40.24)
16 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery	35.26	1.16	20.58	0.63	24.83	0.51	71.32	41.98
17 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	32.78	1.08	37.91	1.16	55.87	1.15	(13.52)	(41.32)
18 Dairy Products	29.75	0.98	37.13	1.14	43.43	0.89	(19.88)	(31.50)
19 Metal Products	28.75	0.95	46.97	1.44	28.06	0.58	(38.79)	2.47
20 Non-Ferrous Metal	28.31	0.93	27.10	0.83	39.78	0.82	4.45	(28.84)
21 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks	22.55	0.74	25.04	0.77	23.80	0.49	(9.92)	(5.23)
22 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	21.98	0.72	21.53	0.66	20.59	0.42	2.10	6.77
23 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials	19.66	0.65	16.53	0.51	19.98	0.41	18.89	(1.63)
24 Fertilizers, Manufactured	17.48	0.57	13.35	0.41	92.04	1.90	30.94	(81.00)
25 Rubber Manufacture	9.25	0.30	9.73	0.30	11.70	0.24	(4.89)	(20.89)
26 Textiles Fiber & Their Waste	8.71	0.29	9.05	0.28	7.15	0.15	(3.76)	21.78
27 Office and EDP Machines	0.38	0.01	0.35	0.01	0.50	0.01	7.37	(24.84)
28 Others	299.21	9.84	302.38	9.25	356.76	7.35	(1.05)	(16.13)

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Tables 2a Philippine Imports from all Countries
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Commodity	2009	2008	Growth Rate
	Jan-Apr ^p	Jan-Apr ^r	
Total	12,639,648,118	19,467,191,983	(35.07)
1 Electronic Products 1/	4,423,960,034	7,662,101,563	(42.26)
a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	3,380,142,442	6,077,605,635	(44.38)
b) Electronic Data Processing	544,886,189	985,596,261	(44.72)
c) Office Equipment	21,915,000	23,783,753	(7.86)
d) Consumer Electronics	129,770,264	131,556,132	(1.36)
e) Telecommunication	235,254,428	320,502,713	(26.60)
f) Communication/Radar	46,264,964	56,006,791	(17.39)
g) Control and Instrumentation	36,410,851	45,848,495	(20.58)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	22,684,825	12,676,875	78.95
i) Automotive Electronics	6,631,071	8,524,908	(22.22)
2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	1,924,628,890	4,081,067,127	(52.84)
3 Office and EDP Machines	1,401,318	2,495,235	(43.84)
4 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 2/	188,132,973	306,528,348	(38.62)
5 Industrial Machinery and Equipment	521,850,680	711,291,548	(26.63)
6 Transport Equipment	681,150,865	934,072,811	(27.08)
7 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 3/	204,904,373	279,220,074	(26.62)
8 Cereals and Cereal Preparations	763,275,031	642,638,249	18.77
9 Organic and Inorganic Chemical	353,878,730	414,489,876	(14.62)
10 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	231,925,099	384,721,169	(39.72)
11 Iron and Steel	274,939,520	473,730,138	(41.96)
12 Dairy Products	142,750,242	272,045,917	(47.53)
13 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.	174,303,208	190,451,531	(8.48)
14 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	239,053,473	223,500,402	6.96
15 Non-Ferrous Metal	102,807,568	166,686,116	(38.32)
16 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	150,067,991	184,492,162	(18.66)
17 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)	169,403,383	235,458,127	(28.05)
18 Paper and Paper Products	143,678,351	163,164,796	(11.94)
19 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks	95,814,623	108,620,748	(11.79)
20 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery	103,029,663	99,639,328	3.40
21 Metal Products	134,706,411	115,215,287	16.92
22 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials	73,658,476	75,602,128	(2.57)
23 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	79,109,658	80,584,305	(1.83)
24 Fertilizers, Manufactured	90,442,261	209,092,313	(56.75)
25 Rubber Manufacture	37,778,903	46,998,096	(19.62)
26 Textiles Fiber & Their Waste	29,286,115	32,309,528	(9.36)
27 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	173,055,937	119,058,882	45.35
28 Others	1,130,654,342	1,251,916,179	(9.69)

1/ includes consigned and direct importation using the expanded coverage of electronic products

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Table 3 Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods
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 (FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	2009				2008		Growth Rate	
	April ^p		March ^r		April		(%)	
	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
Total Imports	3,041,097	100.00	3,269,833	100.00	4,856,958	100.00	(7.00)	(37.39)
Capital Goods	885,007	29.10	933,398	28.55	1,365,693	28.12	(5.18)	(35.20)
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	145,251	4.78	150,438	4.60	233,470	4.81	(3.45)	(37.79)
Office & EDP Machines	159,206	5.24	145,136	4.44	251,543	5.18	9.69	(36.71)
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	491,383	16.16	519,131	15.88	647,580	13.33	(5.35)	(24.12)
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	43,100	1.42	55,353	1.69	59,611	1.23	(22.14)	(27.70)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	13,177	0.43	30,006	0.92	137,526	2.83	(56.08)	(90.42)
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	32,890	1.08	33,335	1.02	35,963	0.74	(1.34)	(8.55)
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,058,667	34.81	1,348,910	41.25	1,843,039	37.95	(21.52)	(42.56)
Unprocessed Raw Materials	155,563	5.12	205,339	6.28	216,329	4.45	(24.24)	(28.09)
Wheat	35,258	1.16	71,528	2.19	69,465	1.43	(50.71)	(49.24)
Corn	19,341	0.64	31,237	0.96	4,060	0.08	(38.08)	376.40
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	783	0.03	836	0.03	1,195	0.02	(6.33)	(34.46)
Crude materials, inedible	75,100	2.47	80,828	2.47	120,173	2.47	(7.09)	(37.51)
Pulp & waste paper	2,956	0.10	3,677	0.11	5,662	0.12	(19.61)	(47.79)
Cotton	2,550	0.08	2,461	0.08	1,585	0.03	3.64	60.93
Syn. Fibers	5,792	0.19	5,511	0.17	4,831	0.10	5.11	19.89
Metalliferous ores	32,793	1.08	37,910	1.16	55,870	1.15	(13.50)	(41.30)
Others	31,008	1.02	31,269	0.96	52,225	1.08	(0.84)	(40.63)
Tobacco, unmanufactured	25,080	0.82	20,910	0.64	21,436	0.44	19.95	17.00
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	903,104	29.70	1,143,571	34.97	1,626,709	33.49	(21.03)	(44.48)
Feeding stuffs for animals	37,486	1.23	51,693	1.58	62,727	1.29	(27.48)	(40.24)
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	8,937	0.29	15,960	0.49	21,349	0.44	(44.01)	(58.14)
Chemical	329,140	10.82	325,669	9.96	440,404	9.07	1.07	(25.26)
Chemical compounds	97,162	3.19	93,286	2.85	94,296	1.94	4.15	3.04
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	61,902	2.04	56,130	1.72	56,918	1.17	10.28	8.76
Urea	10,007	0.33	7,336	0.22	31,108	0.64	36.42	(67.83)
Fertilizer excl. urea	7,477	0.25	6,018	0.18	60,931	1.25	24.26	(87.73)
Artificial resins	55,612	1.83	57,821	1.77	90,222	1.86	(3.82)	(38.36)
Others	96,980	3.19	105,078	3.21	106,928	2.20	(7.71)	(9.30)
Manufactured goods	236,292	7.77	266,744	8.16	347,340	7.15	(11.42)	(31.97)
Paper & paper products	41,022	1.35	33,787	1.03	39,789	0.82	21.42	3.10
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	43,115	1.42	46,624	1.43	62,211	1.28	(7.53)	(30.69)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	21,980	0.72	21,530	0.66	20,638	0.42	2.09	6.50
Iron & steel	56,597	1.86	75,394	2.31	136,510	2.81	(24.93)	(58.54)
Non-ferrous metals	28,307	0.93	27,101	0.83	39,793	0.82	4.45	(28.86)
Metal products	28,799	0.95	46,997	1.44	28,074	0.58	(38.72)	2.58
Others	16,471	0.54	15,312	0.47	20,325	0.42	7.57	(18.96)
Embroideries	13,140	0.43	12,161	0.37	16,406	0.34	8.05	(19.91)
Mat/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	278,109	9.15	471,343	14.41	727,315	14.97	(41.00)	(61.76)
Iron ore, not agglomerated					11,168	0.23	#DIV/0!	(100.00)
Mineral Fuels, Lubricant & Related Materials	551,669	18.14	467,119	14.29	1,037,361	21.36	18.10	(46.82)
Coal, Coke	26,234	0.86	41,646	1.27	19,136	0.39	(37.01)	37.09
Petroleum crude	235,783	7.75	187,910	5.75	597,794	12.31	25.48	(60.56)
Others	289,652	9.52	237,563	7.27	420,431	8.66	21.93	(31.11)
Consumer Goods	502,098	16.51	490,506	15.00	551,638	11.36	2.36	(8.98)
Durable	154,722	5.09	166,751	5.10	210,523	4.33	(7.21)	(26.51)
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	70,981	2.33	76,632	2.34	108,718	2.24	(7.37)	(34.71)
Home appliances	26,437	0.87	23,655	0.72	21,114	0.43	11.76	25.21
Misc. manufactures	57,304	1.88	66,464	2.03	80,692	1.66	(13.78)	(28.98)
Non-Durable	347,376	11.42	323,755	9.90	341,115	7.02	7.30	1.84
Food & live animals chiefly for food	338,069	11.12	313,342	9.58	328,115	6.76	7.89	3.03
Dairy products	29,848	0.98	37,127	1.14	43,428	0.89	(19.61)	(31.27)
Fish & fish preparation	12,149	0.40	10,338	0.32	11,564	0.24	17.52	5.06
Rice	187,827	6.18	145,556	4.45	155,160	3.19	29.04	21.05
Fruits & vegetables	17,934	0.59	18,364	0.56	17,060	0.35	(2.34)	5.12
Others	90,312	2.97	101,957	3.12	100,902	2.08	(11.42)	(10.50)
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	3,320	0.11	3,192	0.10	5,396	0.11	4.00	(38.48)
Articles of apparel, access.	5,987	0.20	7,221	0.22	7,604	0.16	(17.09)	(21.26)
Special Transactions	43,656	1.44	29,901	0.91	59,227	1.22	46.00	(26.29)
Articles temporarily imported & exported	16,941	0.56	13,800	0.42	22,716	0.47	22.77	(25.42)
Others	26,715	0.88	16,101	0.49	36,511	0.75	65.92	(26.83)

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 April 2009 & 2008
(FOB Value in U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Description	2009 Jan-Apr ^p	2008 Jan-Apr ^r	Growth Rate
Total Imports	12,639,648,118	19,467,191,983	(35.07)
Capital Goods	3,505,335,241	5,530,317,913	(36.62)
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	633,021,806	820,321,371	(22.83)
Office & EDP Machines	567,852,747	1,011,657,579	(43.87)
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	1,803,351,391	3,008,825,484	(40.06)
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	174,947,026	217,244,844	(19.47)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	194,254,280	317,819,271	(38.88)
Prof.Sci. & Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	131,907,991	154,449,364	(14.59)
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	5,341,773,798	7,731,407,729	(30.91)
Unprocessed Raw Materials	702,642,750	647,414,683	8.53
Wheat	234,387,041	260,927,184	(10.17)
Corn	63,410,768	7,553,651	739.47
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	2,952,920	4,445,888	(33.58)
Crude materials, inedible	341,088,760	316,867,274	7.64
Pulp & waste paper	14,195,703	22,129,119	(35.85)
Cotton	5,986,539	6,866,201	(12.81)
Syn. Fibers	20,202,595	22,796,254	(11.38)
Metalliferous ores	173,066,433	119,066,506	45.35
Others	127,637,490	146,009,194	(12.58)
Tobacco, unmanufactured	60,803,261	57,620,686	5.52
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	4,639,131,048	7,083,993,046	(34.51)
Feeding stuffs for animals	169,406,989	235,460,878	(28.05)
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	49,281,706	67,384,112	(26.86)
Chemical	1,301,544,616	1,623,444,924	(19.83)
Chemical compounds	354,141,109	414,676,234	(14.60)
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	239,198,381	223,508,117	7.02
Urea	56,990,046	73,351,013	(22.31)
Fertilizer excl. urea	33,452,215	135,741,300	(75.36)
Artificial resins	232,066,743	384,934,566	(39.71)
Others	385,696,122	391,233,694	(1.42)
Manufactured goods	965,527,610	1,309,455,775	(26.26)
Paper & paper products	141,991,696	162,220,503	(12.47)
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	166,338,874	228,169,800	(27.10)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	79,321,600	81,058,254	(2.14)
Iron & steel	274,939,520	473,730,138	(41.96)
Non-ferrous metals	102,825,943	166,773,975	(38.34)
Metal products	134,877,786	115,371,255	16.91
Others	65,232,191	82,131,850	(20.58)
Embroideries	40,300,881	53,294,732	(24.38)
Mat/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	2,107,163,418	3,757,672,120	(43.92)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	5,905,828	37,280,505	(84.16)
Mineral Fuels, Lubricant & Related Materials	1,924,628,559	4,081,067,127	(52.84)
Coal, Coke	132,526,948	70,083,489	89.10
Petroleum crude	519,248,700	2,289,161,070	(77.32)
Others	1,272,852,911	1,721,822,568	(26.08)
Consumer Goods	1,725,427,996	1,874,826,133	(7.97)
Durable	633,078,044	763,756,955	(17.11)
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	315,183,627	404,517,437	(22.08)
Home appliances	95,033,539	92,016,027	3.28
Misc. manufactures	222,860,878	267,223,491	(16.60)
Non-Durable	1,092,349,952	1,111,069,178	(1.68)
Food & live animals chiefly for food	1,051,804,604	1,059,847,585	(0.76)
Dairy products	142,951,903	272,052,464	(47.45)
Fish & fish preparation	39,103,867	44,910,156	(12.93)
Rice	443,121,093	320,268,061	38.36
Fruits & vegetables	76,798,231	69,265,119	10.88
Others	349,829,510	353,351,785	(1.00)
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	12,554,973	20,009,558	(37.26)
Articles of apparel, access.	27,990,375	31,212,035	(10.32)
Special Transactions	142,482,524	249,573,081	(42.91)
Articles temporarily imported & exported	59,881,534	80,410,651	(25.53)
Others	82,600,990	169,162,430	(51.17)

Note: Components may not add up to total due to rounding.
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Table 4 Philippine Imports Performance by Country: April 2009 & 2008
(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)

Country of Origin	2009				2008			
	April ^p	% Share	Jan-Apr ^p	% Share	April	% Share	Jan-Apr	% Share
								Annual Growth Rate (%) Current Cumulative
Total	3,041.10	100.00	12,639.65	100.00	4,856.96	100.00	19,467.19	100.00 (37.39) (35.07)
Top 10 Countries Total	2,192.19	72.09	9,482.39	75.02	3,329.25	68.55	13,515.81	69.43 (34.15) (29.84)
1 Japan 1/	393.02	12.92	1,532.30	12.12	552.45	11.37	2,242.19	11.52 (28.86) (31.66)
2 United States Of America 2/	318.91	10.49	1,715.13	13.57	568.29	11.70	2,661.70	13.67 (43.88) (35.56)
3 China, People's Republic of	281.79	9.27	1,162.20	9.19	350.84	7.22	1,382.90	7.10 (19.68) (15.96)
4 Vietnam	219.76	7.23	561.12	4.44	146.80	3.02	362.94	1.86 49.70 54.61
5 Singapore	215.95	7.10	1,197.29	9.47	702.98	14.47	2,387.92	12.27 (69.28) (49.86)
6 Taiwan	211.00	6.94	847.71	6.71	297.59	6.13	1,488.19	7.64 (29.10) (43.04)
7 Korea, Republic of	165.35	5.44	787.04	6.23	222.19	4.57	1,009.09	5.18 (25.58) (22.01)
8 Thailand	140.35	4.62	673.11	5.33	199.33	4.10	785.56	4.04 (29.59) (14.31)
9 Malaysia 3/	133.69	4.40	491.52	3.89	173.99	3.58	821.29	4.22 (23.16) (40.15)
10 Indonesia	112.37	3.69	514.96	4.07	114.79	2.36	374.03	1.92 (2.11) 37.68
11 Others	848.90	27.91	3,157.26	24.98	1,527.70	31.45	5,951.38	30.57 (44.43) (46.95)

* Based on April 2009 ranking.

1/ includes Okinawa

2/ includes Alaska and Hawaii

3/ includes Sabah and Sarawak

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

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

Country	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
Total	5,844.21	3,041.10	2,803.11	(237.99)
1. Japan 1/	826.88	393.02	433.86	40.84
2. United States Of America 2/	766.14	318.91	447.23	128.32
3. China, People's Republic of	588.65	281.79	306.86	25.06
4. Singapore	385.64	215.95	169.68	(46.27)
5. Hong Kong	375.34	109.58	265.76	156.18
6. Taiwan	315.50	211.00	104.49	(106.51)
7. Korea, Republic of	303.71	165.35	138.36	(27.00)
8. Netherlands	291.90	27.32	264.58	237.25
9. Vietnam	261.91	219.76	42.15	(177.61)
10. Malaysia 3/	248.15	133.69	114.45	(19.24)
11. Germany	223.71	74.03	149.68	75.65
12. Thailand	218.98	140.35	78.64	(61.71)
13. Indonesia	142.21	112.37	29.84	(82.53)
14. Saudi Arabia	109.43	104.90	4.53	(100.38)

- 1/ includes Okinawa
2/ includes Alaska and Hawaii
3/ includes Sabah and Sarawak

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