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

	2009		2008
	December <sup>p</sup>	November <sup>r</sup>	December <sup>r</sup>
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	3,891.78	3,626.49	3,300.96
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	17.9	4.1	- 34.0
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	7.3	4.8	- 5.3
<b>Electronic Products</b>			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	1,231.02	1,219.55	1,134.31
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	8.5	- 5.2	- 46.2
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	0.9	-14.8	- 11.8

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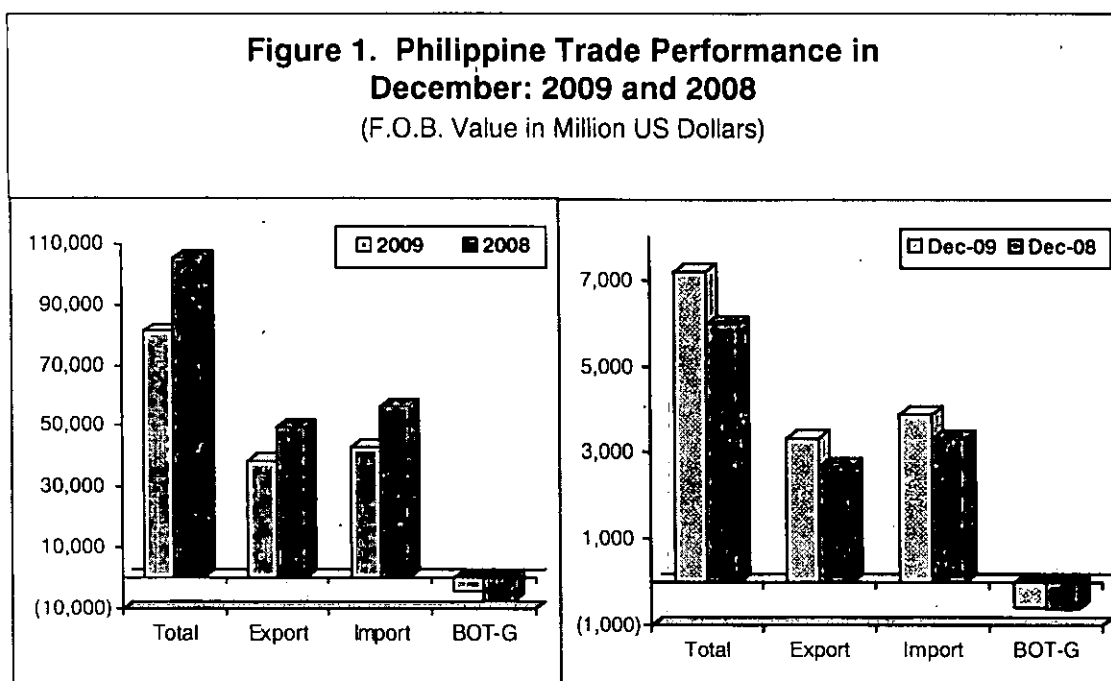
**Top 10 Philippine Imports from All Countries: December 2009**  
(Year-on-Year Growth in Percent)

Gainers		Losers	
Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	359.8	Cereals and Cereal Preparation	- 21.6
Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	41.8	Iron and Steel	- 20.6
Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery	40.5		
Transport Equipment	18.7		
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	14.6		
Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	14.6		
Electronic Products	8.5		
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	7.6		

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## JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2009 TOTAL TRADE STOOD AT \$81.338 BILLION

Total external trade in goods for January to December 2009 reached \$81.338 billion, a 23.1 percent decline from \$105.824 billion registered during the same month in 2008. Total imports posted a 24.2 percent annual decrease from \$56.746 billion to \$43.004 billion. Similarly, total exports fell by 21.9 percent from \$49.078 billion in January to December of 2008 to \$38.335 billion. Thus, the balance of trade in goods (BOT-G) for the Philippines posted a deficit of \$4.669 billion during the 12-month period in 2009, a value less than the \$7.669 billion deficit in the same 12-month period last year.



### DECEMBER 2009 IMPORTS UP BY 17.9 PERCENT

Combined import and export merchandise trade for December 2009 improved by 20.6 percent to \$7.204 billion from \$5.976 billion in December 2008. This was due to the double-digit increase in total merchandise imports by 17.9 percent to \$3.892 billion from \$3.301 billion in December 2008. Total exports likewise rose by 23.8 percent to \$3.312 billion from \$2.675 billion. The balance of trade in goods (BOT-G) in December 2009 recorded a deficit of \$579 million, higher than the last year's recorded deficit of \$626 million. Similarly, on a month-on-month basis, total imports for December 2009 increased by 7.3 percent from \$3.626 billion recorded in November 2009.

## **ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ACCOUNTED FOR 31.6 PERCENT OF IMPORT BILL**

Accounting for 31.6 percent of the aggregate import bill and the country's major commodity imported in December 2009, payments for **Electronic Products** including consigned and direct importation using the expanded coverage of electronic products amounted to \$1.231 billion in December 2009. It went up by 8.5 percent over last year's figure of \$1.134 billion. This was due to the 2.5 percent decrease in **Components/Devices (Semiconductors)** which comprised the biggest share of 22.5 percent among the major groups of electronic products. **Electronic Products** likewise, exhibited a slight positive growth of 0.9 percent compared to its previous month's level of \$1.220 billion.

Imports of **Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials** comprising 19.4 percent of the total imports in December 2009 ranked second. This commodity group grew by 14.6 percent to \$755.96 million from \$659.55 million in December of last year.

**Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap**, amounting to \$223.83 million was the Philippines' third top import for the month with 5.7 percent share to total imports. It accelerated by 359.8 percent, the highest positive growth from among the top ten imports for December 2009 from \$48.68 million in December 2008.

Contributing 5.4 percent to the total import bill and the country's fourth top imports in December 2009 was **Transport Equipment** with payments placed at \$210.12 million. The amount increased by 18.7 percent from last year's recorded value of \$177.02 million.

Fifth in rank and with 5.1 percent share, **Industrial Machinery and Equipment** registered \$197.88 million worth of imports, higher by 7.6 percent from its year ago level of \$183.86 million.

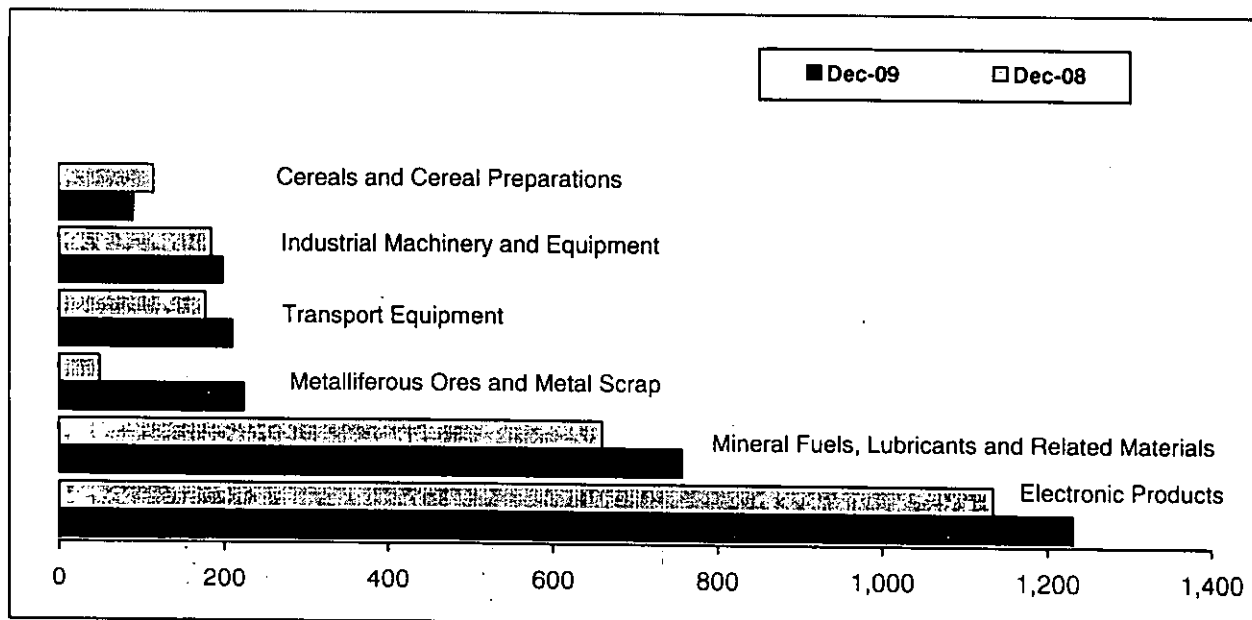
**Cereals and Cereal Preparations** representing 2.3 percent of the total imports ranked sixth, valued at \$88.98 million contracted by 21.6 percent from its year ago level of \$113.51 million.

Rounding up the list of the top ten imports for December 2009 were **Organic and Inorganic Chemicals** accounting for \$82.73 million, went up by 14.6 percent; **Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery** including telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment amounting to \$72.35 million expanded by 40.5 percent;

**Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms** valued at \$67.60 million jumped by 41.8 percent; and on the other hand, **Iron and Steel** worth \$61.05 million plummeted by 20.6 percent.

Aggregate payment for the country's top ten imports for December 2009 reached \$2.992 billion or 76.9 percent of the total import bill.

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



#### **RAW MATERIALS AND INTERMEDIATE GOODS ACCOUNTED FOR 35.0 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORTS**

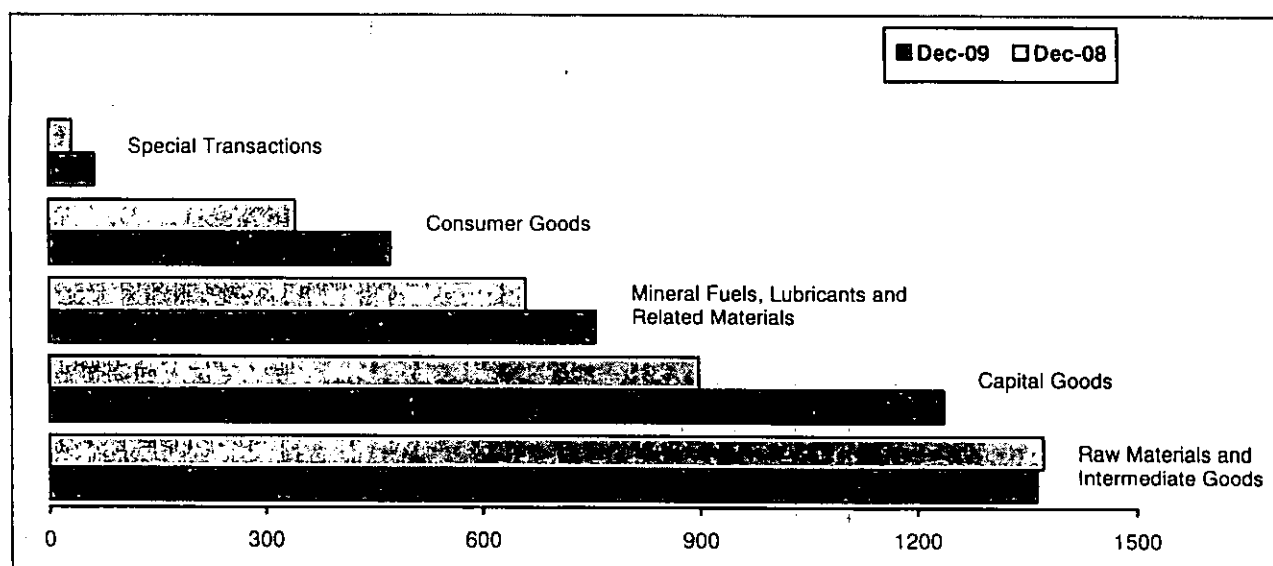
Accounting for 35.0 percent of the total imports, payments in December 2009 for **Raw Materials and Intermediate Goods** amounted to \$1.363 billion or a 0.6 percent dropped over last year's figure of \$1.372 billion. Compared to the previous month's level, purchases went up by 9.7 percent from \$1.242 billion. **Semi-Processed Raw Materials** having the biggest share of 26.6 percent and valued at \$1.036 billion decreased by 11.0 percent year-on-year from \$1.164 billion.

**Capital Goods**, contributing 31.8 percent to the total imports, increased by 37.7 percent to \$1.236 billion from \$897 billion in December 2008. Similarly, **Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials** with 19.4 percent share, rose by 14.6 percent to \$755.96 million from its year ago level of \$659.55 million.

Purchases of **Consumer Goods** amounted to \$473.19 million or a positive growth of 38.7 percent from \$341.19 million in December 2008, while **Special Transactions** showed an annual increase of 103.8 percent to \$63.30 million from \$31.07 million in December 2008.

**Figure 3. Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods in December: 2009 and 2008**

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



#### **JAPAN ACCOUNTED FOR 12.0 PERCENT OF IMPORT BILL**

**Japan** including Okinawa, the country's biggest source of imports for December 2009 with 12.0 percent share, recorded payments worth \$465.34 million and expanded by 18.1 percent from \$394.00 million in December 2008. Revenue from the country's exports to **Japan**, on the other hand, reached \$507.68 million, generating a total trade value of \$973.01 million and \$42.34 million trade surplus for the Philippines.

**United States of America** (including Alaska and Hawaii) with 10.6 percent share of the total import bill amounting to \$411.26 million followed as the second biggest source of imports for December 2009. This value is lower by 16.9 percent from \$494.68 million recorded in December 2008. Exports to **USA** amounted to \$633.62 million, yielding a two-way trade value of \$1.045 billion and a trade surplus of \$222.36 million.

**People's Republic of China** came third, accounting for 9.6 percent share of the total import bill in December 2009, went up by 16.3 percent to \$371.56 million from \$319.48 million in December 2008. Exports to **People's**

**Republic of China** amounted to \$232.60 million resulting to a total trade value of \$604.16 million and a trade deficit of \$138.97 million.

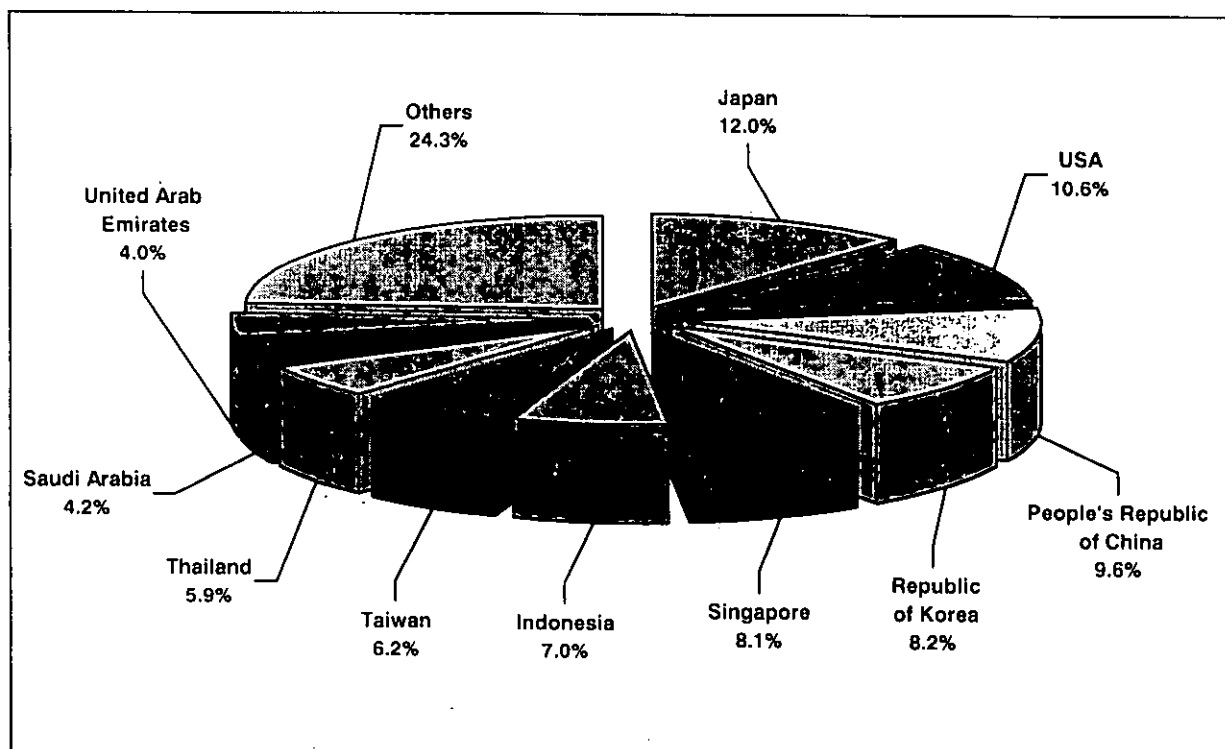
Ranking fourth in December 2009 and with 8.2 percent share was **Republic of Korea** valued at \$318.57 million. This amount increased by 116.0 percent from \$147.47 million posted in December 2008. Exports to **Republic of Korea** amounted to \$136.27 million resulting to a total trade value of \$454.84 million and a trade deficit of \$182.30 million.

Fifth in rank was **Singapore**, representing 8.1 percent of the total import bill in December 2009, declined by 2.2 percent from \$322.17 million in December 2008 to \$314.98 million in December 2009. Export receipts from **Singapore** in December 2009 reached \$283.19 million yielding a total trade value of \$598.17 million and a trade deficit of \$31.79 million.

Other major sources of imports for the month of December 2009 were **Indonesia**, \$273.37 million; **Taiwan**, \$242.57 million; **Thailand**, \$231.18 million; **Saudi Arabia**, \$163.17 million; and **United Arab Emirates**, \$155.28 million.

Payments for imports from the top ten sources for December 2009 amounted to \$2.947 billion or 75.7 percent of the total import.

**Figure 4. Philippine Imports by Country in December: 2009**  
(F.O.B. Value in Million US Dollars)



## IMPORTS FROM EASTERN ASIA WORTH \$1.518 BILLION

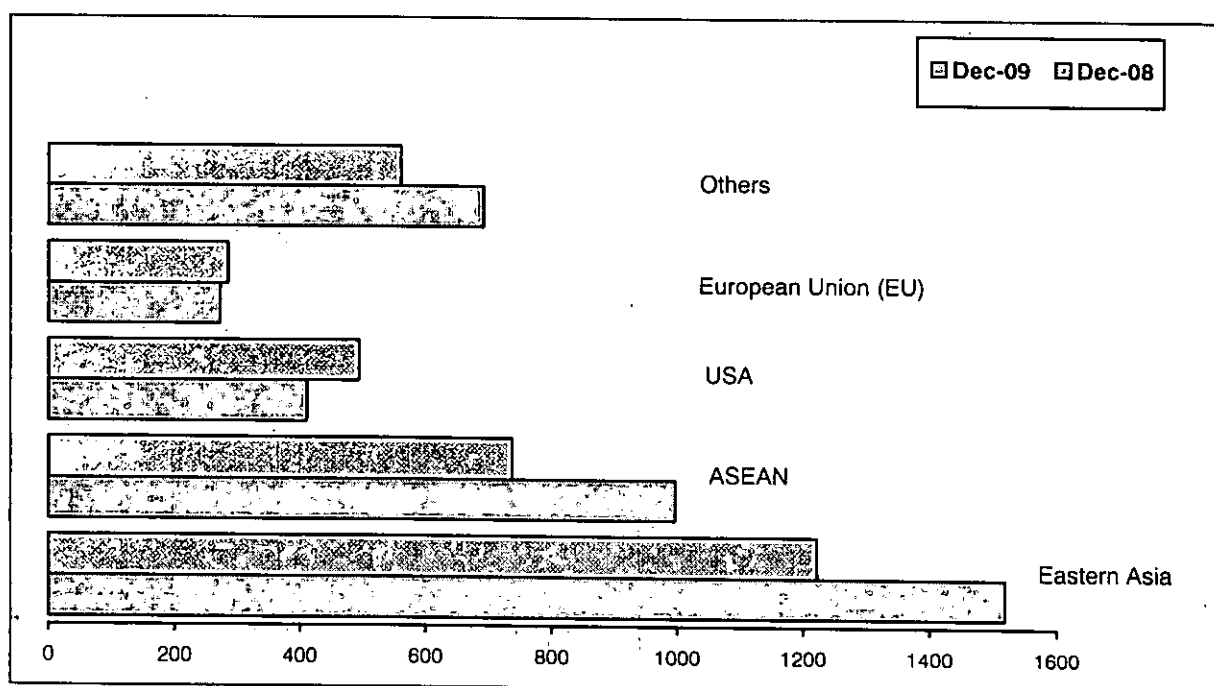
Philippines total imports in December 2009 with **Eastern Asia** (China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan) accounted for 39.0 percent of the country's total imports with total payments of \$1.518 billion or a positive annual growth of 24.2 percent from December 2008 level of \$1.222 billion. Total exports to member-countries of **Eastern Asia** was valued at \$1.198 billion, resulting to a total trade of \$2.716 billion and a balance of trade in goods (BOT-G) deficit of \$319.93 million.

Imports from **ASEAN** member-countries in December 2009 (\$997.39 million) contributed 25.6 percent share, higher by 35.1 percent from \$738.31 million registered in December 2008. Exports to **ASEAN** member-countries worth \$577.23 million resulted to a total trade of \$1.575 billion and a trade deficit of \$420.15 million.

December 2009 imports from **European Union** were valued at \$272.55 million while exports to member-countries of **European Union** were worth \$698.33 million. This aggregated to total trade of \$970.88 million and a trade surplus of \$425.77 million.

**Figure 5. Philippine Imports by Selected Economic Bloc in December:  
2009 and 2008**

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



**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	
<b>January</b>								
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)
<b>February</b>								
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)
<b>March</b>								
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)
<b>April</b>								
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	5,845	3,042	2,803	(239)	23,368	12,640	10,727	(1,913)
<b>May</b>								
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)
2009	6,704	3,617	3,088	(529)	30,072	16,257	13,815	(2,442)
<b>June</b>								
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)
2009	7,513	4,107	3,406	(701)	37,585	20,364	17,221	(3,143)
<b>July</b>								
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)
2009	7,337	4,026	3,311	(715)	44,922	24,390	20,532	(3,858)
<b>August</b>								
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)
2009	7,090	3,617	3,473	(144)	52,012	28,007	24,005	(4,002)
<b>September</b>								
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)
2009	7,306	3,670	3,636	(34)	59,318	31,677	27,641	(4,036)
<b>October</b>								
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)
2009	7,478	3,808	3,670	(138)	66,796	35,485	31,311	(4,175)
<b>November</b>								
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)
2009	7,338	3,626	3,712	85	74,134	39,112	35,022	(4,090)
<b>December</b>								
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)
2009 <sup>p</sup>	7,204	3,892	3,312	(579)	81,338	43,004	38,335	(4,669)

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	
<b>January</b>								
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)
<b>February</b>								
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
<b>March</b>								
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)
<b>April</b>								
2008	8.5	11.8	4.9	142.1	10.7	18.0	3.3	1,350.6
2009	(36.4)	(37.4)	(35.2)	(54.9)	(35.7)	(35.1)	(36.4)	(26.3)
<b>May</b>								
2008	6.9	11.2	2.4	227.0	9.9	16.6	3.1	806.2
2009	(25.5)	(24.3)	(26.9)	(3.9)	(33.7)	(32.9)	(34.5)	(22.4)
<b>June</b>								
2008	11.2	13.1	9.2	42.2	10.1	15.9	4.2	335.0
2009	(23.7)	(22.8)	(24.8)	(11.9)	(31.9)	(31.1)	(32.8)	(20.3)
<b>July</b>								
2008	11.1	16.7	4.4	82.3	10.3	16.0	4.2	217.1
2009	(28.9)	(31.6)	(25.4)	(50.5)	(31.4)	(31.2)	(31.7)	(28.4)
<b>August</b>								
2008	3.6	1.2	6.6	(24.9)	9.4	14.0	4.5	135.4
2009	(24.9)	(28.3)	(21.0)	(77.8)	(30.6)	(30.8)	(30.3)	(33.7)
<b>September</b>								
2008	2.2	3.1	1.3	25.7	8.6	12.7	4.1	122.1
2009	(21.8)	(25.0)	(18.2)	(92.3)	(29.6)	(30.2)	(28.9)	(37.7)
<b>October</b>								
2008	(12.7)	(11.1)	(14.4)	19.7	6.2	10.0	2.1	107.4
2009	(12.7)	(16.8)	(8.0)	(76.5)	(28.1)	(29.0)	(27.0)	(41.0)
<b>November</b>								
2008	(22.7)	(31.5)	(11.4)	(102.5)	3.5	5.8	0.9	55.5
2009	4.9	4.1	5.7	201.1	(25.8)	(26.8)	(24.5)	(41.9)
<b>December</b>								
2008 <sup>r</sup>	(37.0)	(34.0)	(40.3)	20.8	(0.1)	2.2	(2.8)	51.9
2009 <sup>p</sup>	20.6	17.9	23.8	(7.5)	(23.1)	(24.2)	(21.9)	(39.1)

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

Commodity	2009				2008		Growth Rates (%)	
	December <sup>p</sup>	% Share	November <sup>r</sup>	% Share	December	% Share	Monthly	Annual
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,891.78</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,626.49</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,300.96</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>7.32</b>	<b>17.90</b>
1 Electronic Products 1/	1,231.02	31.63	1,219.55	33.63	1,134.31	34.36	0.94	8.53
a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	877.04	22.54	865.97	23.88	899.12	27.24	1.28	(2.46)
b) Electronic Data Processing	205.73	5.29	199.10	5.49	119.59	3.62	3.33	72.03
c) Office Equipment	4.00	0.10	6.55	0.18	6.65	0.20	(39.01)	(39.90)
d) Consumer Electronics	33.36	0.86	30.45	0.84	25.48	0.77	9.57	30.92
e) Telecommunication	83.10	2.14	84.72	2.34	59.65	1.81	(1.91)	39.32
f) Communication/Radar	11.61	0.30	14.64	0.40	7.46	0.23	(20.68)	55.60
g) Control and Instrumentation	8.04	0.21	8.77	0.24	10.44	0.32	(8.31)	(23.00)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	6.50	0.17	6.90	0.19	4.43	0.13	(5.77)	46.82
i) Automotive Electronics	1.65	0.04	2.47	0.07	1.50	0.05	(33.22)	10.01
2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	755.96	19.42	764.25	21.07	659.55	19.98	(1.08)	14.62
3 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	223.83	5.75	93.59	2.58	48.68	1.47	139.17	359.83
4 Transport Equipment	210.12	5.40	187.59	5.17	177.02	5.36	12.01	18.70
5 Industrial Machinery and Equipment	197.88	5.08	173.67	4.79	183.86	5.57	13.94	7.63
6 Cereals and Cereal Preparations	88.98	2.29	44.37	1.22	113.51	3.44	100.54	(21.61)
7 Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	82.73	2.13	71.70	1.98	72.19	2.19	15.38	14.60
8 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 2/	72.35	1.86	77.04	2.12	51.50	1.56	(6.09)	40.47
9 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	67.60	1.74	63.71	1.76	47.68	1.44	6.11	41.80
10 Iron and Steel	61.05	1.57	94.80	2.61	76.93	2.33	(35.60)	(20.64)
<b>Top 10 Imports Total</b>	<b>2,991.54</b>	<b>76.87</b>	<b>2,790.27</b>	<b>76.94</b>	<b>2,565.24</b>	<b>77.71</b>	<b>7.21</b>	<b>16.62</b>
11 Dairy Products	57.31	1.47	37.01	1.02	36.10	1.09	54.86	58.76
12 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	52.63	1.35	60.35	1.66	41.83	1.27	(12.78)	25.83
13 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)	46.59	1.20	66.17	1.82	46.83	1.42	(29.60)	(0.51)
14 Metal Products	45.64	1.17	30.87	0.85	27.10	0.82	47.84	68.42
15 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.	45.33	1.16	43.21	1.19	44.46	1.35	4.89	1.95
16 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	38.17	0.98	38.23	1.05	33.99	1.03	(0.15)	12.32
17 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks	38.05	0.98	28.95	0.80	22.08	0.67	31.46	72.35
18 Fertilizers, Manufactured	34.35	0.88	11.62	0.32	32.55	0.99	195.66	5.55
19 Paper and Paper Products	33.56	0.86	36.84	1.02	23.99	0.73	(8.89)	39.93
20 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 3/	33.43	0.86	40.44	1.12	47.64	1.44	(17.33)	(29.83)
21 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery	33.33	0.86	25.83	0.71	12.97	0.39	29.01	157.05
22 Non-Ferrous Metal	32.94	0.85	39.60	1.09	26.43	0.80	(16.81)	24.64
23 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	22.18	0.57	24.82	0.68	18.55	0.56	(10.66)	19.58
24 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials	19.70	0.51	16.93	0.47	11.15	0.34	16.35	76.68
25 Rubber Manufacture	12.61	0.32	15.19	0.42	7.96	0.24	(16.94)	58.49
26 Textiles Fiber & Their Waste	7.67	0.20	6.87	0.19	6.79	0.21	11.64	12.94
27 Office and EDP Machines	0.51	0.01	0.46	0.01	0.63	0.02	10.28	(19.14)
28 Others	346.22	8.90	312.82	8.63	294.69	8.93	10.68	17.49

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

Commodity	2009	2008	Growth Rate
	Jan-Dec <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Dec <sup>r</sup>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,003,705,000</b>	<b>56,746,060,370</b>	<b>(24.22)</b>
<b>1 Electronic Products 1/</b>	<b>15,229,022,802</b>	<b>20,026,081,195</b>	<b>(23.95)</b>
a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	11,365,931,230	15,523,028,786	(26.78)
b) Electronic Data Processing	2,197,088,869	2,717,963,371	(19.16)
c) Office Equipment	77,234,777	78,943,371	(2.16)
d) Consumer Electronics	392,983,138	398,998,664	(1.51)
e) Telecommunication	858,583,158	909,793,167	(5.63)
f) Communication/Radar	140,013,448	179,979,685	(22.21)
g) Control and Instrumentation	109,343,340	134,996,759	(19.00)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	65,788,363	53,702,648	22.50
i) Automotive Electronics	22,056,479	28,674,744	(23.08)
<b>2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials</b>	<b>7,334,666,930</b>	<b>12,394,766,190</b>	<b>(40.82)</b>
<b>3 Office and EDP Machines</b>	<b>4,661,885</b>	<b>7,361,929</b>	<b>(36.68)</b>
<b>4 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 2/</b>	<b>748,373,183</b>	<b>895,701,027</b>	<b>(16.45)</b>
<b>5 Industrial Machinery and Equipment</b>	<b>1,724,506,879</b>	<b>2,297,501,704</b>	<b>(24.94)</b>
<b>6 Transport Equipment</b>	<b>2,251,928,531</b>	<b>2,717,980,548</b>	<b>(17.15)</b>
<b>7 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 3/</b>	<b>548,075,070</b>	<b>795,685,723</b>	<b>(31.12)</b>
<b>8 Cereals and Cereal Preparations</b>	<b>1,871,451,159</b>	<b>2,599,365,799</b>	<b>(28.00)</b>
<b>9 Organic and Inorganic Chemical</b>	<b>1,127,804,842</b>	<b>1,258,827,119</b>	<b>(10.41)</b>
<b>10 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms</b>	<b>765,258,142</b>	<b>1,088,880,286</b>	<b>(29.72)</b>
<b>11 Iron and Steel</b>	<b>918,211,224</b>	<b>1,609,759,039</b>	<b>(42.96)</b>
<b>12 Dairy Products</b>	<b>455,535,289</b>	<b>702,807,825</b>	<b>(35.18)</b>
<b>13 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.</b>	<b>559,059,561</b>	<b>600,951,595</b>	<b>(6.97)</b>
<b>14 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products</b>	<b>722,926,749</b>	<b>657,317,055</b>	<b>9.98</b>
<b>15 Non-Ferrous Metal</b>	<b>434,621,007</b>	<b>608,085,651</b>	<b>(28.53)</b>
<b>16 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles</b>	<b>502,536,192</b>	<b>551,110,036</b>	<b>(8.81)</b>
<b>17 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)</b>	<b>602,232,330</b>	<b>618,652,503</b>	<b>(2.65)</b>
<b>18 Paper and Paper Products</b>	<b>478,762,364</b>	<b>527,458,239</b>	<b>(9.23)</b>
<b>19 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks</b>	<b>354,353,888</b>	<b>363,804,733</b>	<b>(2.60)</b>
<b>20 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery</b>	<b>351,055,020</b>	<b>280,218,647</b>	<b>25.28</b>
<b>21 Metal Products</b>	<b>437,217,668</b>	<b>431,481,895</b>	<b>1.33</b>
<b>22 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials</b>	<b>238,075,242</b>	<b>232,038,998</b>	<b>2.60</b>
<b>23 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures</b>	<b>274,891,257</b>	<b>273,314,174</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>24 Fertilizers, Manufactured</b>	<b>315,956,512</b>	<b>556,889,169</b>	<b>(43.26)</b>
<b>25 Rubber Manufacture</b>	<b>147,511,822</b>	<b>138,266,676</b>	<b>6.69</b>
<b>26 Textiles Fiber &amp; Their Waste</b>	<b>95,518,685</b>	<b>95,853,573</b>	<b>(0.35)</b>
<b>27 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap</b>	<b>850,057,652</b>	<b>401,762,281</b>	<b>111.58</b>
<b>28 Others</b>	<b>3,659,433,115</b>	<b>4,014,136,761</b>	<b>(8.84)</b>

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**Table 3 Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods**  
**December and November 2009 and December 2008**  
*(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)*

Commodity Group	2009				2008		Growth Rate	
	December <sup>p</sup>		November <sup>r</sup>		December		(%)	
	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	Monthly	Annual
Total Imports	3,891,780	100.00	3,626,488	100.00	3,300,961	100.00	7.32	17.90
Capital Goods	1,235,920	31.76	1,175,192	32.41	897,291	27.18	5.17	37.74
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	237,908	6.11	200,819	5.54	197,995	6.00	18.47	20.16
Office & EDP Machines	210,215	5.40	206,088	5.68	126,816	3.84	2.00	65.76
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	649,697	16.69	651,215	17.96	441,569	13.38	(0.23)	47.13
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	72,225	1.86	38,993	1.08	46,947	1.42	85.23	53.84
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	19,406	0.50	40,508	1.12	51,527	1.56	(52.09)	(62.34)
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	46,468	1.19	37,569	1.04	32,437	0.98	23.69	43.26
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,363,407	35.03	1,242,397	34.26	1,371,868	41.56	9.74	(0.62)
Unprocessed Raw Materials	327,360	8.41	172,201	4.75	207,732	6.29	90.10	57.59
Wheat	36,160	0.93	32,760	0.90	91,882	2.78	10.38	(60.64)
Corn	4,287	0.11	1,385	0.04	586	0.02	209.56	631.81
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	912	0.02	371	0.01	387	0.01	145.75	135.47
Crude materials, inedible	265,490	6.82	125,841	3.47	99,282	3.01	110.97	167.41
Pulp & waste paper	4,841	0.12	3,465	0.10	1,645	0.05	39.72	194.33
Cotton	949	0.02	1,605	0.04	1,587	0.05	(40.92)	(40.22)
Syn. Fibers	6,324	0.16	4,856	0.13	4,775	0.14	30.23	32.44
Metalliferous ores	223,829	5.75	93,585	2.58	48,676	1.47	139.17	359.83
Others	29,547	0.76	22,329	0.62	42,599	1.29	32.32	(30.64)
Tobacco, unmanufactured	20,512	0.53	11,845	0.33	15,595	0.47	73.17	31.53
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,036,047	26.62	1,070,196	29.51	1,164,135	35.27	(3.19)	(11.00)
Feeding stuffs for animals	46,588	1.20	66,174	1.82	46,828	1.42	(29.60)	(0.51)
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	12,136	0.31	13,904	0.38	12,416	0.38	(12.72)	(2.26)
Chemical	336,659	8.65	295,794	8.16	279,612	8.47	13.82	20.40
Chemical compounds	82,761	2.13	71,738	1.98	72,279	2.19	15.36	14.50
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	52,634	1.35	60,353	1.66	41,830	1.27	(12.79)	25.83
Urea	19,071	0.49	3,299	0.09	18,435	0.56	478.14	3.45
Fertilizer excl. urea	15,281	0.39	8,320	0.23	14,111	0.43	83.67	8.29
Artificial resins	67,678	1.74	63,710	1.76	47,813	1.45	6.23	41.55
Others	99,234	2.55	88,374	2.44	85,143	2.58	12.29	16.55
Manufactured goods	246,842	6.34	285,707	7.88	227,882	6.90	(13.60)	8.32
Paper & paper products	33,280	0.86	36,419	1.00	23,391	0.71	(8.62)	42.28
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	29,126	0.75	35,368	0.98	40,401	1.22	(17.65)	(27.91)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	22,196	0.57	24,982	0.69	18,547	0.56	(11.15)	19.68
Iron & steel	61,054	1.57	94,797	2.61	76,933	2.33	(35.60)	(20.64)
Non-ferrous metals	33,007	0.85	39,599	1.09	26,456	0.80	(16.65)	24.76
Metal products	45,652	1.17	30,897	0.85	27,212	0.82	47.76	67.76
Others	22,527	0.58	23,645	0.65	14,942	0.45	(4.73)	50.76
Embroideries	4,774	0.12	5,699	0.16	7,502	0.23	(16.24)	(36.37)
Mat/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	389,049	10.00	402,916	11.11	589,896	17.87	(3.44)	(34.05)
Iron ore, not agglomerated								
Mineral Fuels, Lubricant & Related Materials	755,964	19.42	764,248	21.07	659,549	19.98	(1.08)	14.62
Coal, Coke	27,310	0.70	14,692	0.41	38,892	1.18	85.88	(29.78)
Petroleum crude	388,974	9.99	420,383	11.59	322,339	9.76	(7.47)	20.67
Others	339,681	8.73	329,173	9.08	298,319	9.04	3.19	13.87
Consumer Goods	473,187	12.16	382,359	10.54	341,186	10.34	23.75	38.69
Durable	208,152	5.35	192,524	5.31	149,574	4.53	8.12	39.16
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	119,243	3.06	109,573	3.02	79,063	2.40	8.82	50.82
Home appliances	21,244	0.55	22,726	0.63	18,713	0.57	(6.52)	13.53
Misc. manufactures	67,664	1.74	60,225	1.66	51,797	1.57	12.35	30.63
Non-Durable	265,035	6.81	189,835	5.23	191,612	5.80	39.61	38.32
Food & live animals chiefly for food	252,568	6.49	177,139	4.88	179,155	5.43	42.58	40.98
Dairy products	57,398	1.47	37,005	1.02	36,097	1.09	55.11	59.01
Fish & fish preparation	13,537	0.35	19,039	0.52	6,724	0.20	(28.90)	101.31
Rice	32,766	0.84	1,274	0.04	9,848	0.30	2,472.16	232.72
Fruits & vegetables	30,660	0.79	22,678	0.63	34,226	1.04	35.20	(10.42)
Others	118,207	3.04	97,143	2.68	92,260	2.79	21.68	28.12
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	4,846	0.12	5,010	0.14	6,251	0.19	(3.27)	(22.48)
Articles of apparel, access.	7,621	0.20	7,686	0.21	6,206	0.19	(0.85)	22.80
Special Transactions	63,302	1.63	62,293	1.72	31,067	0.94	1.62	103.76
Articles temporarily imported & exported	24,703	0.63	42,204	1.16	14,906	0.45	(41.47)	65.73
Others	38,598	0.99	20,088	0.55	16,161	0.49	92.14	138.84

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

Commodity Description	2009 Jan-Dec <sup>p</sup>	2008 Jan-Dec <sup>r</sup>	Growth Rate
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>43,003,705,000</b>	<b>56,746,060,370</b>	<b>(24.22)</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>12,852,640,031</b>	<b>15,707,070,025</b>	<b>(18.17)</b>
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	2,118,847,536	2,606,664,831	(18.71)
Office & EDP Machines	2,278,364,085	2,803,502,628	(18.73)
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	7,017,873,619	8,376,201,261	(16.22)
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	661,950,972	663,605,131	(0.25)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	312,758,314	760,019,985	(58.85)
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	462,845,505	497,076,189	(6.89)
<b>Raw Materials &amp; Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>16,830,889,164</b>	<b>21,309,131,682</b>	<b>(21.02)</b>
Unprocessed Raw Materials:	2,349,651,303	1,910,691,115	22.97
Wheat	710,990,089	637,288,247	11.56
Corn	95,215,235	23,328,343	308.15
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	7,040,070	11,142,584	(36.82)
Crude materials, inedible	1,352,571,547	1,040,123,215	30.04
Pulp & waste paper	48,358,560	55,867,924	(13.44)
Cotton	20,666,553	18,761,542	10.15
Syn. Fibers	67,829,670	68,469,477	(0.93)
Metalliferous ores	850,067,385	401,779,377	111.58
Others	365,649,379	495,244,895	(26.17)
Tobacco, unmanufactured	183,834,362	198,808,726	(7.53)
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	14,481,237,861	19,398,440,567	(25.35)
Feeding stuffs for animals	602,241,784	618,662,830	(2.65)
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	152,251,164	228,647,704	(33.41)
Chemical	4,160,527,362	4,793,301,729	(13.20)
Chemical compounds	1,128,590,361	1,259,563,583	(10.40)
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	723,093,111	657,353,030	10.00
Urea	166,712,156	200,686,463	(16.93)
Fertilizer excl. urea	149,244,356	356,202,706	(58.10)
Artificial resins	765,688,112	1,089,619,631	(29.73)
Others	1,227,199,266	1,229,876,316	(0.22)
Manufactured goods	3,241,992,706	4,369,462,215	(25.80)
Paper & paper products	474,047,543	523,279,053	(9.41)
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	466,677,677	665,261,366	(29.85)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	275,304,205	273,922,831	0.50
Iron & steel	918,211,224	1,609,759,039	(42.96)
Non-ferrous metals	434,717,362	608,535,644	(28.56)
Metal products	437,919,288	432,072,322	1.35
Others	235,115,407	256,631,960	(8.38)
Embroideries	89,337,339	138,272,999	(35.39)
Mat/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	6,221,623,732	9,197,789,772	(32.36)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	13,263,774	52,303,318	(74.64)
<b>Mineral Fuels, Lubricant &amp; Related Materials</b>	<b>7,334,666,930</b>	<b>12,394,766,190</b>	<b>(40.82)</b>
Coal, Coke	370,510,614	349,129,985	6.12
Petroleum crude	3,299,771,142	7,498,541,920	(55.99)
Others	3,664,385,174	4,547,094,285	(19.41)
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>5,404,703,869</b>	<b>6,612,179,096</b>	<b>(18.26)</b>
Durable	2,330,087,013	2,389,412,192	(2.48)
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	1,288,511,288	1,312,324,070	(1.81)
Home appliances	273,629,050	278,793,157	(1.85)
Misc. manufactures	767,946,675	798,294,965	(3.80)
Non-Durable	3,074,616,856	4,222,766,904	(27.19)
Food & live animals chiefly for food	2,936,834,525	4,064,358,339	(27.74)
Dairy products	456,123,597	702,819,085	(35.10)
Fish & fish preparation	147,382,377	107,693,135	36.85
Rice	944,347,642	1,782,148,907	(47.01)
Fruits & vegetables	226,613,519	245,260,520	(7.60)
Others	1,162,367,390	1,226,436,692	(5.22)
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	53,406,744	65,436,382	(18.38)
Articles of apparel, access.	84,375,587	92,972,183	(9.25)
<b>Special Transactions</b>	<b>580,805,006</b>	<b>722,913,377</b>	<b>(19.66)</b>
Articles temporarily imported & exported	264,634,119	256,538,080	3.16
Others	316,170,887	466,375,297	(32.21)

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

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

Country of Origin	2009				2008				Annual Growth Rate (%)	
	December <sup>P</sup>	% Share	Jan-Dec <sup>P</sup>	% Share	December	% Share	Jan-Dec	% Share	Current	Cumulative
Total	3,891.78	100.00	43,003.71	100.00	3,300.96	100.00	56,746.06	100.00	17.90	(24.22)
Top 10 Countries Total	2,947.28	75.73	30,529.22	70.99	2,425.24	73.47	41,427.16	73.00	21.53	(26.31)
1 Japan 1/	465.34	11.96	5,354.35	12.45	394.00	11.94	6,604.29	11.64	18.10	(18.93)
2 United States Of America 2/	411.26	10.57	5,116.63	11.90	494.68	14.99	7,221.29	12.73	(16.86)	(29.15)
3 China, People's Republic of	371.56	9.55	3,807.46	8.85	319.48	9.68	4,245.55	7.48	16.30	(10.32)
4 -Korea, Republic of	318.57	8.19	3,004.05	6.99	147.47	4.47	2,961.59	5.22	116.02	1.43
5 Singapore	314.98	8.09	3,725.87	8.66	322.17	9.76	5,945.38	10.48	(2.23)	(37.33)
6 Indonesia	273.37	7.02	1,733.67	4.03	112.99	3.42	1,464.89	2.58	141.95	18.35
7 Taiwan	242.57	6.23	3,021.39	7.03	263.10	7.97	3,834.75	6.76	(7.80)	(21.21)
8 Thailand	231.18	5.94	2,451.58	5.70	156.16	4.73	2,786.36	4.91	48.04	(12.01)
9 Saudi Arabia	163.17	4.19	1,525.51	3.55	174.80	5.30	5,031.74	8.87	(6.65)	(69.68)
10 United Arab Emirates	155.28	3.99	788.72	1.83	40.39	1.22	1,331.32	2.35	284.45	(40.76)
11 Others	944.50	24.27	12,474.48	29.01	875.72	26.53	15,318.90	27.00	7.85	(18.57)

\* Based on December 2009 ranking.

1/ includes Okinawa

2/ includes Alaska and Hawaii

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

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Table 4A Philippine Imports Performance by Selected Economic Bloc: December 2009 & 2008  
(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)

Country of Origin	2009			2008			Annual Growth Rate (%)	
	Dec <sup>P</sup>	% Share	Jan-Dec <sup>P</sup>	% Share	Dec	Jan-Dec	Current	Cumulative
Total	3,891.78	100.00	43,003.71	100.00	3,300.96	56,746.06	100.00	17.90 (24.22)
1 Eastern Asia <sup>1/</sup>	1,518.21	39.01	16,657.92	38.74	1,222.00	19,613.04	34.56	24.24 (15.07)
2 ASEAN <sup>2/</sup>	997.39	25.63	10,907.78	25.36	738.31	14,380.00	25.34	35.09 (24.15)
3 United States of America <sup>3/</sup>	411.26	10.57	5,116.63	11.90	494.68	7,221.29	12.73	(16.86) (29.15)
4 European Union <sup>4/</sup>	272.55	7.00	3,266.40	7.60	285.04	4,420.54	7.79	(4.38) (26.11)
5 Others	692.37	17.79	7,054.97	16.41	560.94	11,111.19	19.58	23.43 (36.51)

1/ includes China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Mongolia, N. Korea, S. Korea, Taiwan

2/ includes Brunei Darusalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

3/ includes Alaska & Hawaii

4/ includes Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Latvia, and UK Great Britain & N. Ireland

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



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

Country	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,204.07</b>	<b>3,891.78</b>	<b>3,312.29</b>	<b>(579.49)</b>
1 United States Of America 1/	1,044.89	411.26	633.62	222.36
2 Japan 2/	973.01	465.34	507.68	42.34
3 China, People's Republic of	604.16	371.56	232.60	(138.97)
4 Singapore	598.17	314.98	283.19	(31.79)
5 Korea, Republic of	454.84	318.57	136.27	(182.30)
6 Thailand	362.53	231.18	131.35	(99.83)
7 Taiwan	346.30	242.57	103.72	(138.85)
8 Germany	343.78	98.62	245.16	146.54
9 Hong Kong	335.32	118.01	217.32	99.31
10 Netherlands	317.09	21.82	295.26	273.44
11 Indonesia	299.48	273.37	26.11	(247.25)
12 Malaysia 3/	214.08	114.06	100.03	(14.03)
13 United Arab Emirates	170.35	155.28	15.07	(140.22)
14 Saudi Arabia	167.79	163.17	4.61	(158.56)

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 5A Balance of Trade by Selected Economic Bloc: December 2009**  
*(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)*

Country	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
Total	7,204.07	3,891.78	3,312.29	(579.49)
1- Eastern Asia	2,716.48	1,518.21	1,198.27	(319.93)
2 ASEAN	1,574.62	997.39	577.23	(420.15)
3- United States of America	1,044.89	411.26	633.62	222.36
4 European Union	970.88	272.55	698.33	425.77

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