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What is a Guam import? It is something brought in from the United States or a foreign country, intended for sale or trade in Guam. Agents from the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (GCQA) process imports at its service centers located at the Port Authority of Guam and Guam Airport cargo area. Imports are manually codified by its commodity classification code based on information reported on invoices, bills of lading and on airway bills. The commodities reported herein are for re-sale, thus excludes the military, government, promotional and personal items.

The U.S. government adopted the Harmonized System on January 1, 1989, as the direct basis for its new export and import classification systems. Guam, as well as most of the nations of the world, adopted this system on January 1, 1988. The Bureau of Statistics and Plans is using the established simplified Harmonized System as adopted by the former Department of Commerce. All documents submitted to the GCQA for release of cargo must contain information as outlined in §3005.1, 3005.2 and 3005.3 of the former Department of Commerce Administrative Rules and Regulations. Section 3005.1 defines imports and exports of goods and sets up guidelines to insure certain information is included on each official import and export document.

The promulgated administrative rules and regulations as authorized by Title VLIV, Chapter 1, §47064 GCA now rests with the Bureau of Statistics and Plans. The Bureau, as mandated by Public Laws No. 20-147 and 26-76, shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, investigations, studies, surveys, research and analysis relating to physical, human, social, and economic development of Guam and to publish the results. These rules and regulations concern the collecting of socio-economic information from businesses and individuals.

For 2007, the External Trade Section will capture imports for the months of February, May, August and November, and in 2008, the months of March, June, September and December. In years past, months captured include January, April, July and October. Over a 3-year period all months will be captured, analyzed and evaluated for use in macro economic forecasting.

This report employs the use of a simple 3-year moving average to estimate the months of January, April, July and October in 2007, given 3-year prior weights of Y-1: .50, Y-2: .35 and Y-3: .15. Another forecasting tool exhibited accepts the peak month import value as the 3-month average for months in the immediate quarter to estimate its quarter and annual import values. Both estimation tools will be re-evaluated for its use and accuracy as actual data become available. The estimates are provided for discussion purposes.

Table 4

2007 Imports Commodity Group	Quarterly Forecast Estimates (\$)				Annual Estimate (\$)
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46,550,574	59,148,566	54,277,731	46,282,455	206,259,326
Alcoholic Beverages	5,168,688	6,194,710	6,132,241	4,358,054	21,853,693
Transportation and Parts	46,192,536	32,832,658	41,782,012	37,426,641	158,233,847
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	2,301,864	2,992,317	3,442,770	2,575,713	11,312,664
Construction Materials	9,246,948	9,317,965	9,947,174	9,726,868	38,238,955
Plastic, Leather & Paper	24,809,358	24,086,593	19,268,950	13,480,842	81,645,743
Men's & Women's Apparel	10,297,979	9,402,149	11,155,700	6,608,800	37,464,628
Other Imports	26,508,367	27,030,491	23,068,203	21,716,887	98,323,948
Totals	171,076,314	171,005,449	169,074,780	142,176,260	653,332,803
Peak Month	February-07	May-07	August-07	October-06	

Note: Quarterly forecast estimates are based on peak month imports recorded since 2001. There may be revised annual estimates as data is updated.

Table 3

2007 Imports Commodity Group	July and September Estimates (\$)			3rd Quarter Estimate (\$)
	July	August	September	
	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13,088,618	16,975,689	
Alcoholic Beverages	1,129,676	2,266,958	2,735,607	6,132,241
Transportation and Parts	9,813,049	13,329,909	18,639,054	41,782,012
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	893,828	1,013,114	1,535,828	3,442,770
Construction Materials	1,522,703	3,987,013	4,437,458	9,947,174
Plastic, Leather & Paper	4,133,494	6,539,532	8,595,924	19,268,950
Men & Women Apparel	2,536,540	3,642,576	4,976,584	11,155,700
Other Imports	4,173,954	8,603,469	10,290,780	23,068,203
Totals	37,291,862	56,358,260	75,424,658	169,074,780

Note: July is a moving average estimate given Y-3=.15, Y-2=.35 and Y-1=.5 prior year weights. August values are actual. September is an average composite, given the 3rd quarter estimate.

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Table 1

Commodity	August 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	16,975,689	30.12%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,507,040	8.88%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	782,946	4.61%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,364,438	8.04%
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	371,587	2.19%
Fish, Dried, Salted	9,169	0.05%
Crustaceans	642,207	3.78%
Mollusks	112,220	0.66%
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	589,711	3.47%
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	4,717	0.03%
Buttermilk	24,212	0.14%
Butter	76,881	0.45%
Cheese	187,592	1.11%
Eggs	243,500	1.43%
Vegetables	628,609	3.70%
Nuts	5,697	0.03%
Fruits	446,313	2.63%
Coffee	203,121	1.20%
Tea	145,942	0.86%
Spices	21,257	0.13%
Rice	472,642	2.78%
Flour	152,250	0.90%
Oil	260,682	1.54%
Sausages	335,588	1.98%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	1,255,546	7.40%
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	98,051	0.58%
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	110,686	0.65%
Sugar	134,342	0.79%
Sugar Confectionary	423,432	2.49%
Chocolate	124,444	0.73%
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	611,242	3.60%
Pasta	248,234	1.46%
Cereals	146,167	0.86%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	967,457	5.70%
Vegetables, Prepared	276,719	1.63%

Commodity	August 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
Fruits, Prepared	574,697	3.39%
Juices	199,038	1.17%
Extracts, Essences, Coffee, Tea	4,339	0.03%
Sauces, Mixed Condiments, Sesoning	370,250	2.18%
Soups and Broths	79,536	0.47%
Ice Cream	97,420	0.57%
Other Food Preparations	227,714	1.34%
Water, not Containing Sugar	238,785	1.41%
Water, Containing Sugar	2,183,662	12.86%
Vinegar	11,652	0.07%
Salt	3,955	0.02%
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2,266,958	4.02%
Beer	1,451,866	64.04%
Wine	66,004	2.91%
Liquor	749,088	33.04%
TRANSPORTATION & PARTS	13,329,909	23.65%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	8,843,308	66.34%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	2,701,287	20.26%
Motor Vehicle Parts	1,027,791	7.71%
New Pneumatic Tires	757,523	5.68%
HOME APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT & OTHERS	1,013,114	1.80%
Video Recordings	111	0.01%
Records, Tapes	33,258	3.28%
Radios	1,411	0.14%
Televisions	78,814	7.78%
Air Conditioners	549,591	54.25%
Refrigerators	28,853	2.85%
Washers and Dryers	43,122	4.26%
Electrothermic Appliances	72,577	7.16%
Line Telephony	126,180	12.45%
Turntables, Record Players	76,027	7.50%
Photographic Cameras	3,170	0.31%

2007
July - September Imports (\$)
(see Table 3)

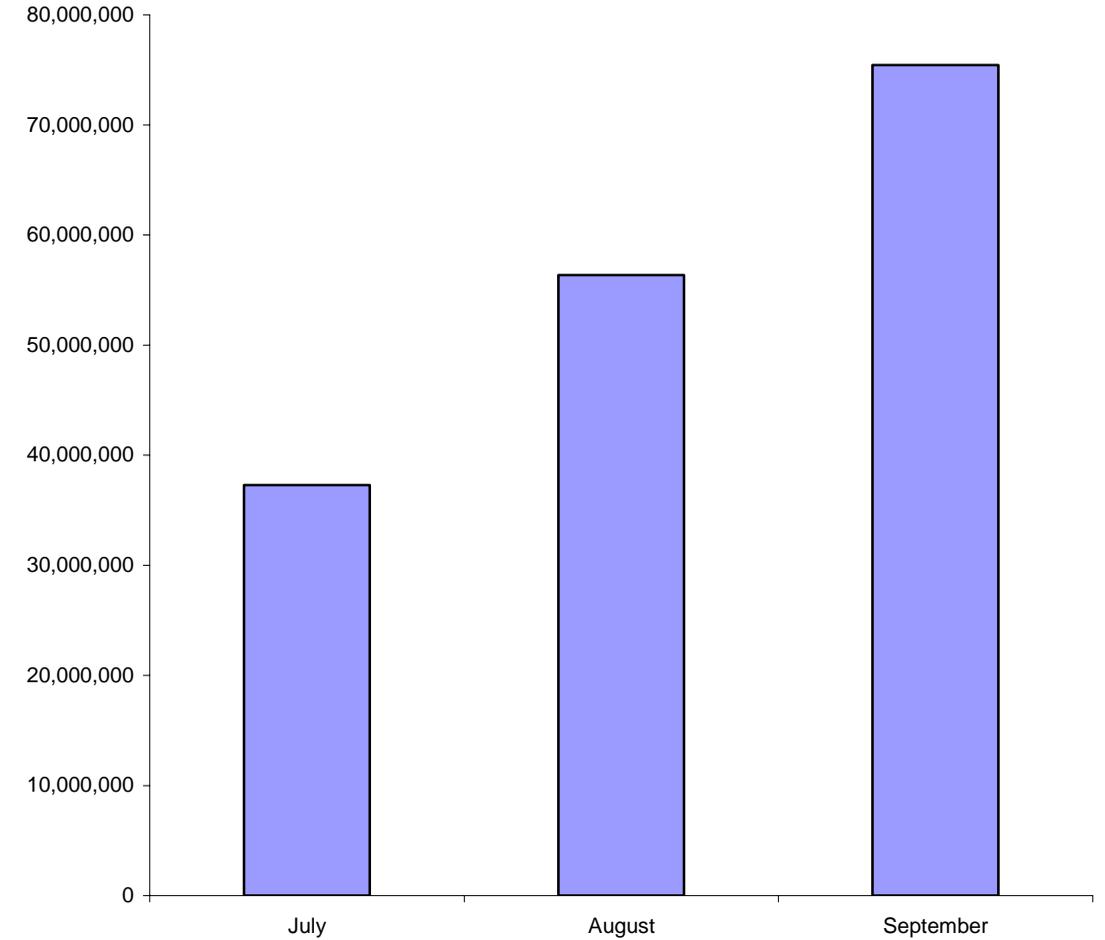


Table 2

Top 20 Commodities	2007	Percent of
August Imports	Dollars (\$)	Total
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	8,843,308	15.69%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	4,078,171	7.24%
Food Industries, Residues and Wastes Thereof	2,874,552	5.10%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	2,701,287	4.79%
Water, Containing Sugar	2,183,662	3.87%
Men and Boys Apparel	1,908,321	3.39%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,507,040	2.67%
Beer	1,451,866	2.58%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,425,091	2.53%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,364,438	2.42%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	1,282,453	2.28%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	1,255,546	2.23%
Motor Vehicle Parts	1,027,791	1.82%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	967,457	1.72%
Footwear of Leather	925,206	1.64%
Cigars and Cigarettes	887,281	1.57%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	782,946	1.39%
New Pneumatic Tires	757,523	1.34%
Liquor	749,088	1.33%
Medicaments	701,430	1.24%
All Others	18,683,803	33.15%

Commodity	August 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	3,987,013	7.07%
Lumber	353,930	8.88%
Cloth Grill of Iron or Steel	165,111	4.14%
Aluminum Waste	18,889	0.47%
Tubes, Pipes, of Plastic	312,265	7.83%
Plywood	266,734	6.69%
Builders Joinery of Wood	63,731	1.60%
Other Wooden Articles	142,660	3.58%
Ceramic Tiles	117,113	2.94%
Ceramic Tablewares	31,403	0.79%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	1,282,453	32.17%
Structures of Iron or Steel	199,092	4.99%
Cement	235,759	5.91%
Aluminum Doors, Windows	392,521	9.84%
Copper Waste and Scrap	4,643	0.12%
Paint	400,709	10.05%
PLASTICS, LEATHER AND PAPER	6,539,532	11.60%
Articles for the Conveyance of Plastics	125,484	1.92%
Tableware, Kitchenware, of Plastics	18,990	0.29%
Other Articles of Plastic	77,168	1.18%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	4,078,171	62.36%
Articles of Apparel of Leather	137,060	2.10%
Paper Towels, Napkins	615,159	9.41%
Carton Boxes of Paper	22,847	0.35%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	539,447	8.25%
Footwear of Leather	925,206	14.15%
MENS'AND WOMENS' APPAREL	3,642,576	6.46%
T-Shirts	136,590	3.75%
Men and Boys Apparel	1,908,321	52.39%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,425,091	39.12%
Shawls, Scarves, Mufflers	92,669	2.54%
Ties, Bowties and Cravats	79,905	2.19%

Commodity	August 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
OTHER IMPORTS	8,603,469	15.27%
Gymnastics, Sports	23,830	0.28%
Pens, Pencils, Crayons	31,080	0.36%
Cigarette Lighters	1,974	0.02%
Cigars and Cigarettes	887,281	10.31%
Petroleum Products	363,430	4.22%
Vitamins	365,244	4.25%
Medicaments	701,430	8.15%
Fertilizers	15,366	0.18%
Soap	116,271	1.35%
Cut Flowers	25,657	0.30%
Organic Surface Active Agents	407,290	4.73%
Spectacles	134,736	1.57%
Bed, Table Linen	90,377	1.05%
Jewelry Articles	94,896	1.10%
Imitation Jewelry	159,144	1.85%
Watches	605,003	7.03%
Furniture	583,907	6.79%
Lamps and Light Fittings	16,335	0.19%
Toys	218,936	2.54%
Cells and Batteries	438,620	5.10%
Automatic Data Processing Machines	80,564	0.94%
Automatic Data Processing Parts	32,689	0.38%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	230,045	2.67%
Food Industries, Residues and Wastes Thereof	2,874,552	33.41%
Carpets & Other Textiles	6,683	0.08%
Printed Materials, Books, Newspapers	76,360	0.89%
Chemical Products, N.E.S.	21,769	0.25%
GRAND TOTAL	56,358,260	

**August 2007
Guam Import
Commodity Group
Percent of Total Imports**

