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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	50,311,363	210,288,234
Alcoholic Beverages	5,168,688	6,194,710	6,132,241	4,566,048	22,061,687
Transportation and Parts	46,192,536	32,832,658	41,782,012	39,501,053	160,308,259
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	2,301,864	2,992,317	3,442,770	3,942,449	12,679,400
Construction Materials	9,246,948	9,317,965	9,947,174	10,005,148	38,517,235
Plastic, Leather & Paper	24,809,358	24,086,593	19,268,950	24,043,537	92,208,438
Men's & Women's Apparel	10,297,979	9,402,149	11,155,700	10,627,472	41,483,300
Other Imports	26,508,367	27,030,491	23,068,203	33,375,984	109,983,045
Totals	171,076,314	171,005,449	169,074,780	176,373,054	687,529,597
Peak Month	February-07	May-07	August-07	November-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	October & December Estimates (\$)		4th Quarter Estimate (\$)
	October	November	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13,900,822	15,042,989	21,367,552
Alcoholic Beverages	1,308,931	1,317,888	1,939,229
Transportation and Parts	11,214,000	11,510,708	16,776,345
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	773,609	1,494,457	1,674,383
Construction Materials	2,921,441	2,834,458	4,249,249
Plastic, Leather & Paper	4,048,938	9,783,158	10,211,441
Men & Women Apparel	1,984,937	4,128,981	4,513,554
Other Imports	6,522,615	12,678,379	14,174,990
Totals	42,675,293	58,791,018	74,906,743

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

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Table 1

Commodity	November 2007 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	15,042,989	25.59%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,350,072	8.97%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	519,470	3.45%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,065,499	7.08%
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	517,379	3.44%
Fish, Dried, Salted	15,353	0.10%
Crustaceans	555,059	3.69%
Mollusks	117,686	0.78%
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	271,703	1.81%
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	12,875	0.09%
Buttermilk	46,681	0.31%
Butter	32,065	0.21%
Cheese	223,565	1.49%
Eggs	225,584	1.50%
Vegetables	760,935	5.06%
Nuts	63,433	0.42%
Fruits	566,284	3.76%
Coffee	215,582	1.43%
Tea	95,790	0.64%
Spices	47,713	0.32%
Rice	384,249	2.55%
Flour	137,870	0.92%
Oil	158,320	1.05%
Sausages	262,299	1.74%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	1,052,948	7.00%
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	183,484	1.22%
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	88,867	0.59%
Sugar	75,995	0.51%
Sugar Confectionary	602,376	4.00%
Chocolate	251,174	1.67%
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	275,444	1.83%
Pasta	306,204	2.04%
Cereals	196,015	1.30%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	745,615	4.96%
Vegetables, Prepared	510,546	3.39%

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Commodity	November 2007 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
Fruits, Prepared	521,360	3.47%
Juices	126,351	0.84%
Extracts, Essences, Coffee, Tea	16,779	0.11%
Sauces, Mixed Condiments, Seasoning	470,024	3.12%
Soups and Broths	64,113	0.43%
Ice Cream	177,961	1.18%
Other Food Preparations	233,322	1.55%
Water, not Containing Sugar	111,841	0.74%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,314,125	8.74%
Vinegar	38,821	0.26%
Salt	34,158	0.23%
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1,317,888	2.24%
Beer	842,815	63.95%
Wine	87,208	6.62%
Liquor	387,865	29.43%
TRANSPORTATION & PARTS	11,510,708	19.58%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	9,715,285	84.40%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	394,755	3.43%
Motor Vehicle Parts	1,145,010	9.95%
New Pneumatic Tires	255,658	2.22%
HOME APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT & OTHERS	1,494,457	2.54%
Video Recordings	29,952	2.00%
Records, Tapes	79,880	5.35%
Radios	16,582	1.11%
Televisions	336,469	22.51%
Air Conditioners	463,903	31.04%
Refrigerators	26,653	1.78%
Washers and Dryers	116,013	7.76%
Electrothermic Appliances	158,109	10.58%
Line Telephony	40,596	2.72%
Turntables, Record Players	161,661	10.82%
Photographic Cameras	64,639	4.33%

2007
October - December Imports (\$)
(see Table 3)

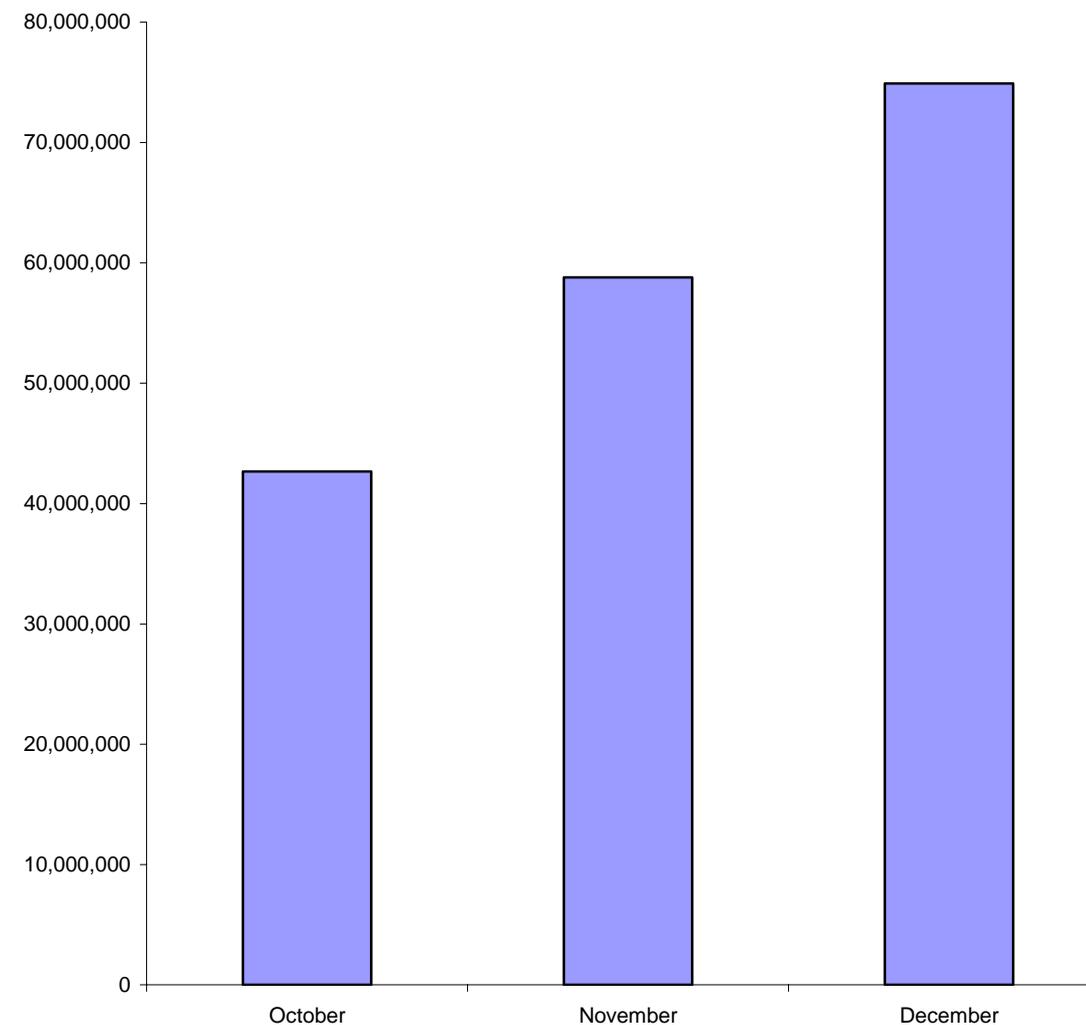


Table 2

Top 20 Commodities November Imports	2,007 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	9,715,285	16.53%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	7,592,405	12.91%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	3,268,890	5.56%
Watches	2,415,902	4.11%
Men and Boys Apparel	2,060,664	3.51%
Jewelry Articles	1,887,918	3.21%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,527,803	2.60%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,350,072	2.30%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,314,125	2.24%
Motor Vehicle Parts	1,145,010	1.95%
Structures of Iron or Steel	1,077,115	1.83%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,065,499	1.81%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	1,052,948	1.79%
Footwear of Leather	1,018,787	1.73%
Beer	842,815	1.43%
Organic Surface Active Agents	778,343	1.32%
Vegetables	760,935	1.29%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	745,615	1.27%
Furniture	608,308	1.03%
Sugar Confectionary	602,376	1.02%
All Others	17,960,203	30.55%

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Commodity	November 2007 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	2,834,458	4.82%
Lumber	188,813	6.66%
Cloth Grill of Iron or Steel	-	0.00%
Aluminum Waste	65,558	2.31%
Tubes, Pipes, of Plastic	93,997	3.32%
Plywood	186,568	6.58%
Builders Joinery of Wood	56,754	2.00%
Other Wooden Articles	30,005	1.06%
Ceramic Tiles	85,357	3.01%
Ceramic Tablewares	123,905	4.37%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	357,120	12.60%
Structures of Iron or Steel	1,077,115	38.00%
Cement	197,106	6.95%
Aluminum Doors, Windows	127,563	4.50%
Copper Waste and Scrap	78,997	2.79%
Paint	165,600	5.84%
PLASTICS, LEATHER AND PAPER	9,783,158	16.64%
Articles for the Conveyance of Plastics	33,786	0.35%
Tableware, Kitchenware, of Plastics	29,942	0.31%
Other Articles of Plastic	128,832	1.32%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	7,592,405	77.61%
Articles of Apparel of Leather	147,775	1.51%
Paper Towels, Napkins	543,413	5.55%
Carton Boxes of Paper	40,209	0.41%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	248,009	2.54%
Footwear of Leather	1,018,787	10.41%
MEN AND WOMEN APPAREL	4,128,981	7.02%
T-Shirts	97,867	2.37%
Men and Boys Apparel	2,060,664	49.91%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,527,803	37.00%
Shawls, Scarves, Mufflers	182,772	4.43%
Ties, Bowties and Cravats	259,875	6.29%

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Commodity	November 2007 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
OTHER IMPORTS	12,678,379	21.57%
Gymnastics, Sports	154,149	1.22%
Pens, Pencils, Crayons	29,610	0.23%
Cigarette Lighters	11,491	0.09%
Cigars and Cigarettes	230,755	1.82%
Petroleum Products	240,714	1.90%
Vitamins	333,480	2.63%
Medicaments	433,718	3.42%
Fertilizers	17,625	0.14%
Soap	155,521	1.23%
Cut Flowers	120,420	0.95%
Organic Surface Active Agents	778,343	6.14%
Spectacles	191,856	1.51%
Bed, Table Linen	147,746	1.17%
Jewelry Articles	1,887,918	14.89%
Imitation Jewelry	174,312	1.37%
Watches	2,415,902	19.06%
Furniture	608,308	4.80%
Lamps and Light Fittings	268,820	2.12%
Toys	500,327	3.95%
Cells and Batteries	250,873	1.98%
Automatic Data Processing Machines	14,188	0.11%
Automatic Data Processing Parts	56,351	0.44%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	3,268,890	25.78%
Animal Foods	258,392	2.04%
Printed Books, News Paper	15,503	0.12%
Carpets & Other Textiles	113,167	0.89%
GRAND TOTAL	58,791,018	

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