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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, as noted, are provided for discussion purposes.

Table 5

2008 Imports Commodity Group	Quarterly Forecast Estimates (\$)				Annual Estimate (\$)
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	49,193,369	49,083,017	54,277,731	50,311,363	202,865,480
Alcoholic Beverages	5,473,185	5,539,968	6,132,241	4,566,048	21,711,442
Transportation and Parts	50,064,819	22,943,763	41,782,012	39,501,053	154,291,647
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	2,668,218	3,781,754	3,442,770	3,942,449	13,835,191
Construction Materials	9,224,546	8,525,283	9,947,174	10,005,148	37,702,151
Plastic, Leather & Paper	19,862,718	23,557,735	19,268,950	24,043,537	86,732,940
Men's & Women's Apparel	8,756,609	9,198,030	11,155,700	10,627,472	39,737,811
Other Imports	23,922,397	27,492,582	23,068,203	33,375,984	107,859,166
Totals	169,165,861	150,122,132	169,074,781	176,373,054	664,735,828
Peak Month	March-08	May-07	July-01	October-06	

Note: See Table 4 for the 2008 2nd Quarter estimate. The 3rd and 4th Quarter estimates are identical to 2007 and used as proxy estimates for 2008. The 2007 Annual Estimate was \$687,529,597. There may be revised annual estimates as data is updated.

Table 4

2007 Imports Commodity Group	Nominal Dollars (\$)			2nd Quarter Estimate (\$)
	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-08	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	16,049,609	18,848,672	14,184,736	49,083,017
Alcoholic Beverages	1,690,431	1,965,496	1,884,041	5,539,968
Transportation and Parts	4,326,968	15,045,137	3,571,658	22,943,763
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	751,364	1,015,176	2,015,214	3,781,754
Construction Materials	1,893,480	3,605,143	3,026,660	8,525,283
Plastic, Leather & Paper	8,738,653	5,473,343	9,345,739	23,557,735
Men & Women Apparel	2,818,637	2,729,654	3,649,739	9,198,030
Other Imports	7,620,896	8,319,196	11,552,490	27,492,582
Totals	43,890,038	57,001,817	49,230,277	150,122,132

Note: April is a moving average estimate given Y-3=.15, Y-2=.35 and Y-1=.5 prior year weights. April and May 2007 values are used as a proxy estimate for 2008. The 2007 2nd Quarter Estimate was \$171,005,449.

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Table 1

Commodity	JUNE 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	14,184,736	28.81%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,219,616	8.60%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	208,623	1.47%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,342,713	9.47%
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	383,204	2.70%
Fish, Dried, Salted	19,901	0.14%
Crustaceans	668,498	4.71%
Mollusks	248,050	1.75%
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	404,261	2.85%
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	4,441	0.03%
Buttermilk	56,688	0.40%
Butter	24,821	0.17%
Cheese	249,096	1.76%
Eggs	158,083	1.11%
Vegetables	484,219	3.41%
Nuts	30,739	0.22%
Fruits	383,979	2.71%
Coffee	114,231	0.81%
Tea	40,240	0.28%
Spices	45,504	0.32%
Rice	699,056	4.93%
Flour	153,952	1.09%
Oil	260,372	1.84%
Sausages	273,974	1.93%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	450,342	3.17%
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	90,915	0.64%
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	77,784	0.55%
Sugar	65,213	0.46%
Sugar Confectionary	296,040	2.09%
Chocolate	167,989	1.18%
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	97,258	0.69%
Pasta	330,216	2.33%
Cereals	188,223	1.33%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	816,941	5.76%
Vegetables, Prepared	592,138	4.17%

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Commodity	JUNE 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
Fruits, Prepared	383,193	2.70%
Juices	66,928	0.47%
Extracts, Essences, Coffee, Tea	7,050	0.05%
Sauces, Mixed Condiments, Sesoning	443,673	3.13%
Soups and Broths	43,262	0.30%
Ice Cream	238,919	1.68%
Other Food Preparations	202,889	1.43%
Water, not Containing Sugar	197,962	1.40%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,911,858	13.48%
Vinegar	19,400	0.14%
Salt	22,282	0.16%
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1,884,041	3.83%
Beer	1,380,617	70.24%
Wine	119,992	6.10%
Liquor	383,432	19.51%
TRANSPORTATION & PARTS	3,571,658	7.26%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	1,866,714	52.26%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	634,493	17.76%
Motor Vehicle Parts	688,695	19.28%
New Pneumatic Tires	381,756	10.69%
HOME APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT & OTHERS	2,015,214	4.09%
Video Recordings	6,246	0.31%
Records, Tapes	35,019	1.74%
Radios	1,089	0.05%
Televisions	125,883	6.25%
Air Conditioners	1,331,845	66.09%
Refrigerators	113,670	5.64%
Washers and Dryers	101,732	5.05%
Electrothermic Appliances	141,038	7.00%
Line Telephony	68,005	3.37%
Turntables, Record Players	86,284	4.28%
Photographic Cameras	4,403	0.22%

Table 3

June Imports by Country of Origin	2008 (Dollars)	Percent of Total
United States of America	28,144,021	57.17%
Italy	3,579,822	7.27%
France	3,550,560	7.21%
China	2,281,257	4.63%
Japan	2,276,837	4.62%
Switzerland	1,908,808	3.88%
Singapore	1,296,774	2.63%
Hong Kong	1,270,005	2.58%
Taiwan	1,238,031	2.51%
Philippines	849,146	1.72%
Republic of Korea	634,167	1.29%
Thailand	449,690	0.91%
Viet Nam	418,126	0.85%
Canada	227,771	0.46%
New Zealand	206,909	0.42%
Netherlands	188,490	0.38%
Spain	158,282	0.32%
Federated States of Micronesia	123,873	0.25%
Northern Marianas Islands	102,017	0.21%
Australia	72,190	0.15%
Peru	57,638	0.12%
Malaysia	52,181	0.11%
Great Britain	33,762	0.07%
Norway	31,885	0.06%
Austria	29,270	0.06%
All Others	48,765	0.10%

Table 2

Top 20 Commodities June Imports	2008 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	6,378,453	12.96%
Watches	2,182,527	4.43%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	2,100,868	4.27%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,911,858	3.88%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	1,866,714	3.79%
Women and Girls' Apparel	1,607,119	3.26%
Men and Boys' Apparel	1,594,514	3.24%
Beer	1,380,617	2.80%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,342,713	2.73%
Jewelry Articles	1,339,428	2.72%
Air Conditioners	1,331,845	2.71%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,219,616	2.48%
Furniture	1,163,262	2.36%
Paper Towels, Napkins	988,492	2.01%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	909,927	1.85%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	816,941	1.66%
Organic Surface Active Agents	703,694	1.43%
Rice	699,056	1.42%
Footwear of Leather	690,842	1.40%
Motor Vehicle Parts	688,695	1.40%
All Others	18,313,096	37.20%

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Commodity	JUNE 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	3,026,660	6.15%
Lumber	202,511	6.69%
Cloth Grill of Iron or Steel	71,506	2.36%
Tubes, Pipes, of Plastic	545,852	18.03%
Plywood	78,808	2.60%
Builders Joinery of Wood	60,762	2.01%
Other Wooden Articles	8,686	0.29%
Ceramic Tiles	350,098	11.57%
Ceramic Tablewares	1,281	0.04%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	140,664	4.65%
Structures of Iron or Steel	417,389	13.79%
Cement	298,013	9.85%
Aluminum Doors, Windows	445,211	14.71%
Copper Waste and Scrap	161,022	5.32%
Paint	244,857	8.09%
PLASTICS, LEATHER AND PAPER	9,345,739	18.98%
Articles for the Conveyance of Plastics	52,693	0.56%
Tableware, Kitchenware, of Plastics	65,542	0.70%
Other Articles of Plastic	90,954	0.97%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	6,378,453	68.25%
Articles of Apparel of Leather	72,606	0.78%
Paper Towels, Napkins	988,492	10.58%
Carton Boxes of Paper	96,230	1.03%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	909,927	9.74%
Footwear of Leather	690,842	7.39%
MENS'AND WOMENS' APPAREL	3,649,739	7.41%
T-Shirts	149,646	4.10%
Men and Boys' Apparel	1,594,514	43.69%
Women and Girls' Apparel	1,607,119	44.03%
Shawls, Scarves, Mufflers	195,432	5.35%
Ties, Bowties and Cravats	103,028	2.82%

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Commodity	JUNE 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
OTHER IMPORTS	11,552,490	23.47%
Gymnastics, Sports	22,731	0.20%
Pens, Pencils, Crayons	120,249	1.04%
Cigarette Lighters	34,513	0.30%
Cigars and Cigarettes	166,842	1.44%
Petroleum Products	524,411	4.54%
Vitamins	274,254	2.37%
Medicaments	466,426	4.04%
Fertilizers	65,706	0.57%
Soap	140,862	1.22%
Cut Flowers	72,328	0.63%
Organic Surface Active Agents	703,694	6.09%
Spectacles	439,440	3.80%
Bed, Table Linen	214,823	1.86%
Jewelry Articles	1,339,428	11.59%
Imitation Jewelry	213,214	1.85%
Watches	2,182,527	18.89%
Furniture	1,163,262	10.07%
Lamps and Light Fittings	327,564	2.84%
Toys	212,216	1.84%
Cells and Batteries	188,357	1.63%
Automatic Data Processing Machines	7,383	0.06%
Automatic Data Processing Parts	68,408	0.59%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	2,100,868	18.19%
Food Industries, Residues and Wastes Thereof	300,612	2.60%
Carpets & Other Textiles	108,709	0.94%
Printed Materials, Books, Newspapers	93,663	0.81%
GRAND TOTAL	49,230,277	

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