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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 6

2008 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	45,216,126	46,282,455	197,197,721
Alcoholic Beverages	5,168,688	6,194,710	4,520,584	4,358,054	20,242,036
Transportation and Parts	46,192,536	32,832,658	42,643,584	37,426,641	159,095,419
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	2,301,864	2,992,317	3,027,829	2,575,713	10,897,723
Construction Materials	9,246,948	9,317,965	9,656,343	9,726,868	37,948,124
Plastic, Leather & Paper	24,809,358	24,086,593	17,182,336	13,480,842	79,559,129
Men & Women Apparel	10,297,979	9,402,149	8,651,926	6,608,800	34,960,854
Other Imports	26,508,367	27,030,491	20,875,900	21,716,887	96,131,645
Totals	171,076,314	171,005,449	151,774,628	142,176,260	636,032,651
Peak Month	February-07	May-07	September-08	October-06	

Note: See Table 5 for the 2008 3rd Quarter estimate. The 4th Quarter estimate is identical to 2007 and used as the proxy estimate for 2008. The 2007 Annual Estimate was \$664,735,828. There may be revised annual estimates as data is updated.

Table 5

2008 Imports Commodity Group	Nominal Dollars (\$)		3rd Quarter Estimate (\$)
	Jul-07	Aug-07	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13,088,618	16,975,689	45,216,126
Alcoholic Beverages	1,129,676	2,266,958	4,520,584
Transportation and Parts	9,813,049	13,329,909	42,643,584
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	893,828	1,013,114	3,027,829
Construction Materials	1,522,703	3,987,013	9,656,343
Plastic, Leather & Paper	4,133,494	6,539,532	17,182,336
Men & Women Apparel	2,536,540	3,642,576	8,651,926
Other Imports	4,173,954	8,603,469	20,875,900
Totals	37,291,862	56,358,260	151,774,628

Note: July is a moving average estimate given Y-3=15, Y-2=35 and Y-1=5 prior year weights. July and August 2007 values are used as a proxy estimates for 2008. The 2007 3rd Quarter Estimate was \$169,074,781.

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Table 1

Commodity	Sept 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	15,151,819	26.07%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,550,919	10.24%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	675,586	4.46%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	678,789	4.48%
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	552,862	3.65%
Fish, Dried, Salted	10,841	0.07%
Crustaceans	372,750	2.46%
Mollusks	53,031	0.35%
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	346,513	2.29%
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	13,447	0.09%
Buttermilk	33,739	0.22%
Butter	29,376	0.19%
Cheese	179,615	1.19%
Eggs	221,307	1.46%
Vegetables	839,847	5.54%
Nuts	19,926	0.13%
Fruits	656,290	4.33%
Coffee	206,143	1.36%
Tea	46,759	0.31%
Spices	39,494	0.26%
Rice	639,481	4.22%
Flour	98,375	0.65%
Oil	133,313	0.88%
Sausages	285,745	1.89%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	951,219	6.28%
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	180,049	1.19%
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	51,267	0.34%
Sugar	96,451	0.64%
Sugar Confectionary	361,637	2.39%
Chocolate	253,693	1.67%
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	286,823	1.89%
Pasta	364,766	2.41%
Cereals	127,413	0.84%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	783,133	5.17%
Vegetables, Prepared	433,774	2.86%

Commodity	Sept 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
Fruits, Prepared	643,746	4.25%
Juices	149,979	0.99%
Extracts, Essences, Coffee, Tea	3,482	0.02%
Sauces, Mixed Condiments, Seasoning	587,552	3.88%
Soups and Broths	79,284	0.52%
Ice Cream	55,444	0.37%
Other Food Preparations	174,681	1.15%
Water, not Containing Sugar	298,382	1.97%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,559,238	10.29%
Vinegar	25,658	0.17%
Salt	0	0.00%
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1,123,950	1.93%
Beer	686,624	61.09%
Wine	203,285	18.09%
Liquor	234,041	20.82%
TRANSPORTATION & PARTS	19,500,626	33.55%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	15,216,108	78.03%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	3,244,842	16.64%
Motor Vehicle Parts	786,991	4.04%
New Pneumatic Tires	252,685	1.30%
HOME APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT & OTHERS	1,120,887	1.93%
Video Recordings	14,295	1.28%
Records, Tapes	54,465	4.86%
Radios	7,245	0.65%
Televisions	110,356	9.85%
Air Conditioners	364,330	32.50%
Refrigerators	250,611	22.36%
Washers and Dryers	103,622	9.24%
Electrothermic Appliances	77,934	6.95%
Line Telephony	48,321	4.31%
Turntables, Record Players	52,828	4.71%
Photographic Cameras	36,880	3.29%

Table 4

Top 25 September Imports by Country of Origin	2008 (Dollars)	Percent of Total
United States of America	28,887,366	49.70%
Japan	13,596,720	23.39%
China	2,873,955	4.94%
France	2,839,813	4.89%
Italy	1,911,655	3.29%
Republic of Korea	1,150,591	1.98%
Switzerland	1,003,958	1.73%
Singapore	969,538	1.67%
Taiwan	697,413	1.20%
Thailand	679,230	1.17%
Philippines	668,436	1.15%
Hong Kong	494,227	0.85%
Germany	432,995	0.74%
New Zealand	313,722	0.54%
Indonesia	230,211	0.40%
Australia	204,088	0.35%
Spain	182,990	0.31%
Belgium	159,599	0.27%
Denmark	147,310	0.25%
Northern Marianas Islands	127,962	0.22%
Federated States of Micronesia	110,343	0.19%
Great Britain	83,502	0.14%
Viet Nam	83,337	0.14%
Austria	72,985	0.13%
Malaysia	62,542	0.11%
All Others	140,018	0.24%

Table 2

September Imports	2008 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
Imports by Air	9,319,774	16.03%
Imports by Ship	48,804,732	83.97%

Table 3

Top 20 Commodities September Imports	2008 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	15,216,108	26.18%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	4,572,906	7.87%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	3,244,842	5.58%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,559,238	2.68%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,550,919	2.67%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	1,423,703	2.45%
Men and Boys Apparel	1,214,846	2.09%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,025,089	1.76%
Petroleum Products	955,608	1.64%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	951,219	1.64%
Furniture	870,507	1.50%
Vegetables	839,847	1.44%
Watches	810,643	1.39%
Motor Vehicle Parts	786,991	1.35%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	783,133	1.35%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	761,307	1.31%
Jewelry Articles	712,790	1.23%
Cement	696,882	1.20%
Beer	686,624	1.18%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	678,789	1.17%
All Others	18,782,515	32.31%

Commodity	Sept 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	4,146,627	7.13%
Lumber	274,616	6.62%
Cloth Grill of Iron or Steel	282,125	6.80%
Aluminum Waste	3,491	0.08%
Tubes, Pipes, of Plastic	22,986	0.55%
Plywood	227,657	5.49%
Builders Joinery of Wood	47,820	1.15%
Other Wooden Articles	94,849	2.29%
Ceramic Tiles	460,213	11.10%
Ceramic Tableware	229,638	5.54%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	486,979	11.74%
Structures of Iron or Steel	639,529	15.42%
Cement	696,882	16.81%
Aluminum Doors, Windows	139,656	3.37%
Copper Waste and Scrap	69,344	1.67%
Paint	470,842	11.35%
PLASTICS, LEATHER AND PAPER	6,509,310	11.20%
Articles for the Conveyance of Plastics	64,119	0.99%
Tableware, Kitchenware, of Plastics	103,385	1.59%
Other Articles of Plastic	0	0.00%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	4,572,906	70.25%
Articles of Apparel of Leather	59,118	0.91%
Paper Towels, Napkins	536,661	8.24%
Carton Boxes of Paper	7,426	0.11%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	761,307	11.70%
Footwear of Leather	404,388	6.21%
MENS'AND WOMENS' APPAREL	2,472,810	4.25%
T-Shirts	67,501	2.73%
Men and Boys Apparel	1,214,846	49.13%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,025,089	41.45%
Shawls, Scarves, Mufflers	100,370	4.06%
Ties, Bowties and Cravats	65,004	2.63%

Commodity	Sept 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
OTHER IMPORTS	8,098,477	13.93%
Gymnastics, Sports	2,914	0.04%
Pens, Pencils, Crayons	69,516	0.86%
Cigarette Lighters	4,226	0.05%
Cigars and Cigarettes	9,903	0.12%
Petroleum Products	955,608	11.80%
Vitamins	364,814	4.50%
Medicaments	628,507	7.76%
Fertilizers	28,314	0.35%
Soap	47,802	0.59%
Cut Flowers	48,225	0.60%
Organic Surface Active Agents	298,472	3.69%
Spectacles	149,596	1.85%
Bed, Table Linen	162,115	2.00%
Jewelry Articles	712,790	8.80%
Imitation Jewelry	208,048	2.57%
Watches	810,643	10.01%
Furniture	870,507	10.75%
Lamps and Light Fittings	315,644	3.90%
Toys	379,747	4.69%
Cells and Batteries	123,777	1.53%
Automatic Data Processing Machines	2,638	0.03%
Automatic Data Processing Parts	66,721	0.82%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	1,423,703	17.58%
Animal Foods	347,106	4.29%
Carpets & Other Textiles	6,291	0.08%
Printed Materials, Books, Newspapers	60,850	0.75%
GRAND TOTAL	\$58,124,506	

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