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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. Over the past 3-years the annual estimate for imports codified within range from \$583 to 687 Million. 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	45,483,296	196,398,562
Alcoholic Beverages	5,168,688	6,194,710	4,520,584	5,854,886	21,738,868
Transportation and Parts	46,192,536	32,832,658	42,643,584	30,004,612	151,673,390
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	2,301,864	2,992,317	3,027,829	3,388,770	11,710,780
Construction Materials	9,246,948	9,317,965	9,656,343	9,445,543	37,666,799
Plastic, Leather & Paper	24,809,358	24,086,593	17,182,336	22,268,115	88,346,402
Men's & Women's Apparel	10,297,979	9,402,149	8,651,926	10,025,466	38,377,520
Other Imports	26,508,367	27,030,491	20,875,900	28,218,098	102,632,856
Totals	171,076,314	171,005,449	151,774,628	154,688,786	648,545,177
Peak Month	February-07	May-07	August-07	November-07	

Note: See Table 5 for the 2008 4th Quarter Estimate. The prior 2008 Annual Estimate was \$636,032,651

Table 5

2008 Imports Commodity Group	Nominal Dollars (\$)		4th Quarter Estimate (\$)
	Oct-07	Nov-07	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13,900,822	15,042,989	16,539,485
Alcoholic Beverages	1,308,931	1,317,888	3,228,067
Transportation and Parts	11,214,000	11,510,708	7,279,904
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	773,609	1,494,457	1,120,704
Construction Materials	2,921,441	2,834,458	3,689,644
Plastic, Leather & Paper	4,048,938	9,783,158	8,436,019
Men & Women Apparel	1,984,937	4,128,981	3,911,548
Other Imports	6,522,615	12,678,379	9,017,104
Totals	42,675,293	58,791,018	53,222,475
			154,688,786

Note: October is a moving average estimate given Y-3=-.15, Y-2=-.35 and Y-1=-.5 prior year weights. October and November values are used as proxy estimates for 2008. The prior 4th Quarter estimate was \$176,373,054.

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Table 1

Commodity	Dec 2008 (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	16,539,485	31.07%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,280,126	7.74%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	643,092	3.89%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,160,505	7.02%
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	474,865	2.87%
Fish, Dried, Salted	52,624	0.32%
Crustaceans	421,248	2.55%
Mollusks	238,605	1.44%
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	550,687	3.33%
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	20,645	0.12%
Buttermilk	71,729	0.43%
Butter	22,017	0.13%
Cheese	160,111	0.97%
Eggs	139,795	0.85%
Vegetables	855,136	5.17%
Nuts	19,107	0.12%
Fruits	689,007	4.17%
Coffee	218,617	1.32%
Tea	265,413	1.60%
Spices	25,726	0.16%
Rice	1,147,491	6.94%
Flour	99,813	0.60%
Oil	205,587	1.24%
Sausages	278,615	1.68%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	883,623	5.34%
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	223,180	1.35%
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	85,719	0.52%
Sugar	89,916	0.54%
Sugar Confectionary	235,640	1.42%
Chocolate	280,813	1.70%
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	88,575	0.54%
Pasta	300,300	1.82%
Cereals	184,099	1.11%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	1,059,064	6.40%
Vegetables, Prepared	290,706	1.76%

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Commodity	Dec 2008 (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
Fruits, Prepared	489,833	2.96%
Juices	229,663	1.39%
Extracts, Essences, Coffee, Tea	4,447	0.03%
Sauces, Mixed Condiments, Seasoning	576,005	3.48%
Soups and Broths	49,533	0.30%
Ice Cream	82,530	0.50%
Other Food Preparations	159,281	0.96%
Water, not Containing Sugar	174,663	1.06%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,962,126	11.86%
Vinegar	20,157	0.12%
Salt	29,051	0.18%
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3,228,067	6.06%
Beer	2,502,574	77.53%
Wine	156,851	4.86%
Liquor	568,642	17.62%
TRANSPORTATION & PARTS	7,279,904	13.68%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	4,771,799	65.55%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	1,614,394	22.18%
Motor Vehicle Parts	526,384	7.23%
New Pneumatic Tires	367,327	5.05%
HOME APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT & OTHERS	1,120,704	2.11%
Video Recordings	5,048	0.45%
Records, Tapes	97,560	8.71%
Radios	7,900	0.70%
Televisions	134,744	12.02%
Air Conditioners	380,031	33.91%
Refrigerators	313,141	27.94%
Washers and Dryers	38,686	3.45%
Electrothermic Appliances	65,749	5.87%
Line Telephony	20,122	1.80%
Turntables, Record Players	51,018	4.55%
Photographic Cameras	6,705	0.60%

Table 4

Top 25 December Imports by Country of Origin	2008 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
United States of America	30,305,258	56.94%
France	4,220,539	7.93%
Japan	4,090,319	7.69%
Italy	3,098,706	5.82%
Singapore	2,105,038	3.96%
Republic of Korea	2,038,273	3.83%
Taiwan	1,452,588	2.73%
China	1,252,545	2.35%
Hong Kong	1,079,556	2.03%
Philippines	795,851	1.50%
Thailand	776,777	1.46%
New Zealand	535,870	1.01%
Australia	334,694	0.63%
Switzerland	323,409	0.61%
Mexico	278,503	0.52%
Malaysia	123,985	0.23%
Netherlands	75,955	0.14%
Viet Nam	64,017	0.12%
Federated States of Micronesia	59,217	0.11%
Germany	46,466	0.09%
Indonesia	40,414	0.08%
Northern Marianas Islands	23,399	0.04%
Peru	21,675	0.04%
Dominican Republic	17,896	0.03%
Canada	16,750	0.03%
All Others	44,775	0.08%

Table 2

December Imports	2008 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
Imports by Air	11,668,610	21.92%
Imports by Ship	41,553,865	78.08%

Table 3

Top 20 Commodities December Imports	2008 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	6,426,780	12.08%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	4,771,799	8.97%
Beer	2,502,574	4.70%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	2,329,496	4.38%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,962,126	3.69%
Men and Boys Apparel	1,954,849	3.67%
Structures of Iron or Steel	1,871,793	3.52%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	1,614,394	3.03%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,552,665	2.92%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,280,126	2.41%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,160,505	2.18%
Rice	1,147,491	2.16%
Jewelry Articles	1,112,156	2.09%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	1,059,064	1.99%
Furniture	930,683	1.75%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	883,623	1.66%
Vegetables	855,136	1.61%
Watches	833,762	1.57%
Paper Towels, Napkins	785,782	1.48%
Footwear of Leather	729,551	1.37%
All Others	17,458,120	32.80%

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Commodity	Dec 2008 (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	3,689,644	6.93%
Lumber	195,560	5.30%
Cloth Grill of Iron or Steel	9,415	0.26%
Other Aluminum Articles	0	0.00%
Tubes, Pipes, of Plastic	62,234	1.69%
Plywood	341,263	9.25%
Builders Joinery of Wood	69,450	1.88%
Other Wooden Articles	7,396	0.20%
Ceramic Tiles	186,345	5.05%
Ceramic Tableware	8,765	0.24%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	233,842	6.34%
Structures of Iron or Steel	1,871,793	50.73%
Cement	196,887	5.34%
Aluminum Doors, Windows	133,569	3.62%
Copper Waste and Scrap	0	0.00%
Paint	373,125	10.11%
PLASTICS, LEATHER AND PAPER	8,436,019	15.85%
Articles for the Conveyance of Plastics	51,484	0.61%
Tableware, Kitchenware, of Plastics	44,868	0.53%
Other Articles of Plastic	117,983	1.40%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	6,426,780	76.18%
Articles of Apparel of Leather	119,568	1.42%
Paper Towels, Napkins	785,782	9.31%
Carton Boxes of Paper	9,942	0.12%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	150,061	1.78%
Footwear of Leather	729,551	8.65%
MEN AND WOMEN APPAREL	3,911,548	7.35%
T-Shirts	152,374	3.90%
Men and Boys Apparel	1,954,849	49.98%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,552,665	39.69%
Shawls, Scarves, Mufflers	86,335	2.21%
Ties, Bowties and Cravats	165,325	4.23%

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Commodity	Dec 2008 (\$)	Percent of Total/Subtotal
OTHER IMPORTS	9,017,104	16.94%
Gymnastics, Sports	20,633	0.23%
Pens, Pencils, Crayons	17,650	0.20%
Cigarette Lighters	1,691	0.02%
Cigars and Cigarettes	63,303	0.70%
Petroleum Products	702,409	7.79%
Vitamins	239,703	2.66%
Medicaments	708,731	7.86%
Fertilizers	57,684	0.64%
Soap	84,792	0.94%
Cut Flowers	30,244	0.34%
Organic Surface Active Agents	560,047	6.21%
Spectacles	96,483	1.07%
Bed, Table Linen	163,846	1.82%
Jewelry Articles	1,112,156	12.33%
Imitation Jewelry	165,860	1.84%
Watches	833,762	9.25%
Furniture	930,683	10.32%
Lamps and Light Fittings	52,954	0.59%
Toys	288,063	3.19%
Cells and Batteries	127,289	1.41%
Automatic Data Processing Machines	14,857	0.16%
Automatic Data Processing Parts	25,415	0.28%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	2,329,496	25.83%
Animal Foods	253,200	2.81%
Carpets & Other Textiles	10,551	0.12%
Printed Books, News Paper	125,602	1.39%
GRAND TOTAL	53,222,475	

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