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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 4

2008 Imports Commodity Group	Quarterly Nominal Estimates (\$)				Annual Estimate
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	49,193,369	59,148,566	54,277,731	50,311,363	212,931,029
Alcoholic Beverages	5,473,185	6,194,710	6,132,241	4,566,048	22,366,184
Transportation and Parts	50,064,819	32,832,658	41,782,012	39,501,053	164,180,542
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	2,668,218	2,992,317	3,442,770	3,942,449	13,045,754
Construction Materials	9,224,546	9,317,965	9,947,174	10,005,148	38,494,833
Plastic, Leather & Paper	19,862,718	24,086,593	19,268,950	24,043,537	87,261,798
Men's & Women's Apparel	8,756,609	9,402,149	11,155,700	10,627,472	39,941,930
Other Imports	23,922,397	27,030,491	23,068,203	33,375,984	107,397,075
Totals	169,165,861	171,005,449	169,074,780	176,373,054	685,619,144
Peak Month	March-08	April-05	July-01	October-06	

Note: See Table 3 for the 2008 1st Quarter estimate. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarter estimates are identical to 2007 and used as proxy estimates. The 2007 annual estimate was \$687,529,597. There may be revised annual estimates as data is updated.

Table 3

2008 Imports Commodity Group	Nominal Dollars (\$)		1st Quarter Estimate
	Jan-07	Feb-07	
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14,597,317	13,924,904	20,671,148
Alcoholic Beverages	1,637,439	1,531,174	2,304,572
Transportation and Parts	12,003,052	16,299,808	21,761,959
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	871,778	764,392	1,032,048
Construction Materials	2,040,137	3,662,087	3,522,322
Plastic, Leather & Paper	6,574,680	8,631,171	4,656,867
Men & Women Apparel	2,364,169	3,947,027	2,445,413
Other Imports	7,715,144	8,264,875	7,942,378
Totals	47,803,716	57,025,438	64,336,707

Note: January 2007 is a moving average estimate given Y-3=-.15, Y-2=-.35 and Y-1=-.5 prior year weights. February and March 2007 values are actual and used as proxy estimates for 2008. The 2007 1st Quarter Estimate was \$171,076,314.

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Commodity	MARCH 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	\$20,671,148	32.13%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,812,767	8.77%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	613,458	2.97%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,530,334	7.40%
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	517,310	2.50%
Fish, Dried, Salted	10,615	0.05%
Crustaceans	747,201	3.61%
Mollusks	221,724	1.07%
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	472,623	2.29%
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	2,091	0.01%
Buttermilk	51,163	0.25%
Butter	33,403	0.16%
Cheese	353,441	1.71%
Eggs	275,962	1.34%
Vegetables	790,442	3.82%
Nuts	4,688	0.02%
Fruits	597,313	2.89%
Coffee	271,946	1.32%
Tea	184,952	0.89%
Spices	33,193	0.16%
Rice	667,743	3.23%
Flour	115,994	0.56%
Oil	371,091	1.80%
Sausages	421,056	2.04%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	1,076,115	5.21%
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	226,965	1.10%
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	149,013	0.72%
Sugar	114,360	0.55%
Sugar Confectionary	732,831	3.55%
Chocolate	244,161	1.18%
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	416,160	2.01%
Pasta	428,894	2.07%
Cereals	192,966	0.93%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	1,125,416	5.44%
Vegetables, Prepared	641,172	3.10%

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Commodity	MARCH 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
Fruits, Prepared	836,390	4.05%
Juices	195,269	0.94%
Extracts, Essences, Coffee, Tea	5,305	0.03%
Sauces, Mixed Condiments, Seasoning	609,635	2.95%
Soups and Broths	84,600	0.41%
Ice Cream	178,523	0.86%
Other Food Preparations	230,133	1.11%
Water, not Containing Sugar	285,968	1.38%
Water, Containing Sugar	2,727,210	13.19%
Vinegar	58,837	0.28%
Salt	10,715	0.05%
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2,304,572	3.58%
Beer	1,430,056	62.05%
Wine	303,666	13.18%
Liquor	570,850	24.77%
TRANSPORTATION & PARTS	21,761,959	33.83%
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	18,152,671	83.41%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	2,174,408	9.99%
Motor Vehicle Parts	976,649	4.49%
New Pneumatic Tires	458,231	2.11%
HOME APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT & OTHERS	1,032,048	1.60%
Video Recordings	46,459	4.50%
Records, Tapes	6,932	0.67%
Radios	5,109	0.50%
Televisions	141,209	13.68%
Air Conditioners	384,055	37.21%
Refrigerators	31,147	3.02%
Washers and Dryers	224,944	21.80%
Electrothermic Appliances	77,828	7.54%
Line Telephony	48,334	4.68%
Turntables, Record Players	55,909	5.42%
Photographic Cameras	10,122	0.98%

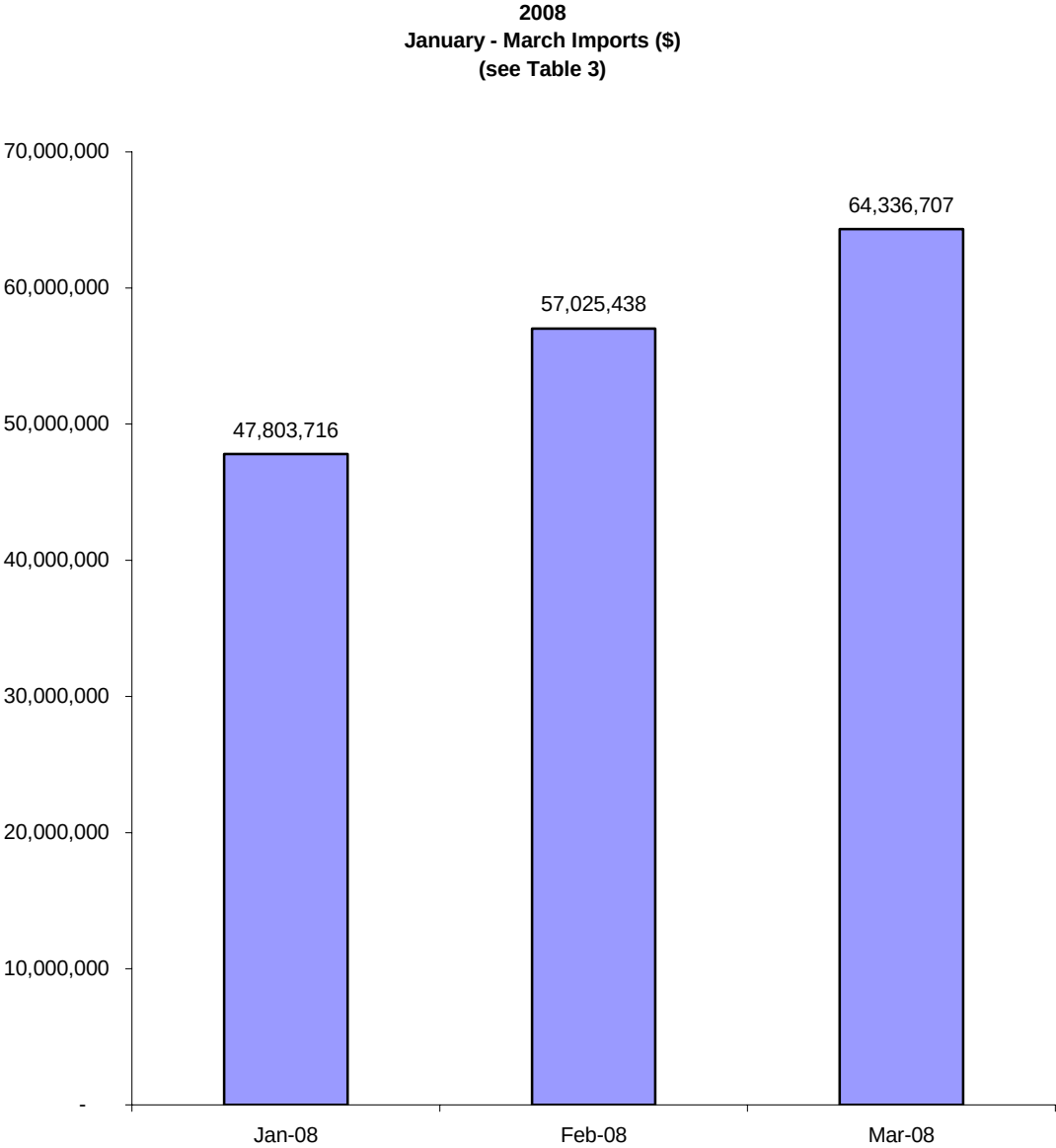


Table 2

Top 20 Commodities March Imports	2008 (Dollars)	Percent of Total
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	18,152,671	28.22%
Water, Containing Sugar	2,727,210	4.24%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	2,188,933	3.40%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	2,174,408	3.38%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	2,046,873	3.18%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,812,767	2.82%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	1,530,334	2.38%
Beer	1,430,056	2.22%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,275,801	1.98%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	1,125,416	1.75%
Watches	1,122,456	1.74%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	1,076,115	1.67%
Men and Boys Apparel	1,011,577	1.57%
Motor Vehicle Parts	976,649	1.52%
Footwear of Leather	905,085	1.41%
Fruits, Prepared	836,390	1.30%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	799,434	1.24%
Vegetables	790,442	1.23%
Furniture	765,933	1.19%
Crustaceans	747,201	1.16%
All Others	20,840,956	32.39%

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Commodity	MARCH 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	\$3,522,322	5.47%
Lumber	234,100	6.65%
Cloth Grill of Iron or Steel	96,845	2.75%
Aluminum Waste	21,865	0.62%
Tubes, Pipes, of Plastic	101,012	2.87%
Plywood	76,419	2.17%
Builders Joinery of Wood	142,111	4.03%
Other Wooden Articles	33,299	0.95%
Ceramic Tiles	242,537	6.89%
Ceramic Tableware	19,663	0.56%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	500,781	14.22%
Structures of Iron or Steel	638,697	18.13%
Cement	381,626	10.83%
Aluminum Doors, Windows	520,876	14.79%
Copper Waste and Scrap	0	0.00%
Paint	512,491	14.55%
PLASTICS, LEATHER AND PAPER	4,656,867	7.24%
Articles for the Conveyance of Plastics	34,172	0.73%
Tableware, Kitchenware, of Plastics	44,447	0.95%
Other Articles of Plastic	85,307	1.83%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	2,046,873	43.95%
Articles of Apparel of Leather	47,541	1.02%
Paper Towels, Napkins	684,904	14.71%
Carton Boxes of Paper	9,104	0.20%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	799,434	17.17%
Footwear of Leather	905,085	19.44%
MENS'AND WOMENS' APPAREL	2,445,413	3.80%
T-Shirts	103,050	4.21%
Men and Boys' Apparel	1,011,577	41.37%
Women and Girls' Apparel	1,275,801	52.17%
Shawls, Scarves, Mufflers	24,565	1.00%
Ties, Bowties and Cravats	30,420	1.24%

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Commodity	MARCH 2008	Percent of Total/Subtotal
OTHER IMPORTS	\$7,942,378	12.35%
Gymnastics, Sports	53,791	0.68%
Pens, Pencils, Crayons	88,758	1.12%
Cigarette Lighters	2,526	0.03%
Cigars and Cigarettes	17,260	0.22%
Petroleum Products	486,187	6.12%
Vitamins	430,729	5.42%
Medicaments	242,612	3.05%
Fertilizers	21,967	0.28%
Soap	164,598	2.07%
Cut Flowers	25,198	0.32%
Organic Surface Active Agents	471,801	5.94%
Spectacles	75,505	0.95%
Bed, Table Linen	135,847	1.71%
Jewelry Articles	354,311	4.46%
Imitation Jewelry	64,252	0.81%
Watches	1,122,456	14.13%
Furniture	765,933	9.64%
Lamps and Light Fittings	223,248	2.81%
Toys	287,969	3.63%
Cells and Batteries	467,953	5.89%
Automatic Data Processing Machines	12,194	0.15%
Automatic Data Processing Parts	94,290	1.19%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	2,188,933	27.56%
Animal Foods	136,197	1.71%
Printed Books, News Paper	1,293	0.02%
Carpets & Other Textiles	6,570	0.08%
GRAND TOTAL	\$64,336,707	

