

# **GUAM'S IMPORT DATA**

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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 in January 1, 1988. Many of the local businesses have already noticed that the commodity classification code appears on incoming invoices, bills of lading or airway bills.

The Guam Department of Commerce promulgated administrative rules and regulations under the authority of title VLIV, Chapter 1, section 47064 of the Government code of Guam. These rules and regulations concern the collecting of socio-economic information from businesses and individuals.

The Guam Department of Commerce is now using a simplified Harmonized System. We have identified some basic demands for the statistics from three sectors: business, research and government. We have combined these three demands, edited data and designed a new form which includes 223 items instead of 1,500 items in the current system.

### **A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF GUAM'S MAJOR IMPORT COMMODITIES**

Guam's Import of Commodities for January 2003, Totaled at \$42,031,186 an increase of 42.45% from 2002's total of \$29,506,119.

Our major import commodities that shows an increases from January 2003 are:

Motor Vehicles for Transport of Person	1036.81%
Water Containing Sugar	166.07%
Meat and Edible Offal of Beef	87.65%

Our major import commodities that shows a decreases from January 2003 are:

Trunk, Suitcase, Handbags of Leather	67.44%
Watches	12.87%

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January 2002

Commodity	2002	2003	% Change
<b>FOOD &amp; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>8,105,459</b>	<b>14,646,954</b>	<b>80.70</b>
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	77,932	1,459,801	1773.17
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	167,793	683,528	307.36
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	463,241	643,629	38.94
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	302,685	371,630	22.78
Fish, Dried, Salted	13,709	16,127	17.64
Crustaceans	567,719	663,933	16.95
Mollusks	51,380	27,127	-47.20
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	147,290	388,168	163.54
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	27,825	63,026	126.51
Buttermilk	29,919	43,652	45.90
Butter	120,580	95,261	-21.00
Cheese	106,660	151,810	42.33
Eggs	127,673	173,254	35.70
Vegetables	621,947	864,306	38.97
Nuts	18,526	18,048	-2.58
Fruits	453,408	718,059	58.37
Coffee	101,569	166,239	63.67
Tea	28,082	208,791	643.50
Spices	15,681	52,610	235.50
Rice	173,345	443,703	155.97
Flour	33,417	94,645	183.22
Oil	86,990	195,368	124.59
Sausages	128,627	146,130	13.61
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	419,959	989,134	135.59
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	144,912	155,795	7.51
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	37,532	79,288	111.25
Sugar	17,988	64,085	256.27
Sugar Confectionary	284,119	119,036	-58.10
Chocolate	170,300	80,398	-52.79
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	15,011	75,778	404.82
Pasta	140,456	387,563	175.93
Cereals	74,635	201,098	169.44
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	486,713	1,067,201	119.27
Vegetables, Prepared	259,327	345,301	33.15