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In 1988, the Customs Department has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.

Import statistics, January to May 1988, are thus shown in an amended format as presented in Table 2.

Table 2

Importation of Computer and Related Equipment
January-May 1988

(Volume: Units or otherwise specified,
Value: Baht in million)

	Volume	Value
Analogue or Hybrid Automatic Data Processing Machines	1,492	28.4
Digital Automatic Data Processing Machines containing in the same Housing at Least a Central Processing Unit	8,934	254.6
Digital Processing Unit	4,263	83.9
Input or Output Units	49,976	256.8
Storage Units	355,797	33.6
Other Auxiliary Machines	17,951	204.4
Total		861.7
Parts and Accessories (Tons)	3,230	8,575.6

The major growth of the Thai computer market in recent years came from the micro and mini-computer segment while the mainframe segment was slow.

Mainframe Computer

The mainframe market in Thailand is limited with very few systems being installed mostly in big networks such as those operated by banks and Government bodies. The total population of mainframe computers in Thailand is estimated at under 100. Most installations in recent years have been for replacements and equipment upgrading. This is particularly true in the public sector.