

3.1 Imports

As is shown in Table 1, while imports only represented 8.6% of total apparent consumption in 1988, or \$37.5 million, by 1990 they accounted for 19.4% of total consumption and were valued at \$117.4 million, having increased by 129% in 1989 and another 36.8% in 1990. For 1991, imports are valued at \$131.5 million, reflecting a decreasing growth rate estimated at 12% for that year. Imports are expected to continue growing at a faster pace than local production, estimated at 8% per annum, and amount to \$165.6 million by 1994.

The following table shows total imports by category between 1988 and 1990.

TABLE 3
FURNITURE IMPORTS
(U.S. \$000)

	1988	1989	1990
SEATS			
Swivel seats	561.1	1,682.4	3,614.2
Seats convertible into beds	234.3	888.3	1,095.1
Seats of cane, bamboo, etc.	442.1	709.5	1,172.4
Upholstered seats wooden fr.	2,428.0	8,807.9	10,975.9
Other seats wooden frames	805.8	1,764.1	1,895.8
Upholstered seats metal fr.	757.1	3,253.2	4,585.3
Other seats metal frame	491.6	1,073.3	1,422.5
Other seats	1,215.8	3,470.7	4,338.3
TOTAL SEATS	6,935.8	21,649.4	29,099.5
Parts for seats	977.2	892.8	2,321.4
METAL FURNITURE			
Metal office furniture	471.8	1,899.6	3,886.7
Other metal furniture	2,629.2	8,056.0	12,304.2
TOTAL METAL FURNITURE	3,101.0	9,955.6	16,190.9
WOOD FURNITURE			
Office furniture wood	782.4	2,615.2	5,492.8
Kitchen furniture wood	1,477.1	2,891.9	3,949.6
Bedroom furniture wood	3,980.8	8,596.8	9,056.9
Other furniture wood	5,956.0	12,733.8	16,821.8
TOTAL WOOD FURNITURE	12,196.3	26,837.7	35,321.1
OTHER FURNITURE			
Plastic furniture	1,900.1	3,109.4	4,171.9
Furniture other materials	1,153.4	1,731.6	2,100.0
TOTAL OTHER FURNITURE	3,053.5	4,841.0	6,271.9
Parts for furniture	926.4	1,392.2	2,498.2