

	1988	1989	1990	%1
<b>BUILDERS HARDWARE</b>				
Locks & padlocks	4,514.0	8,396.9	12,289.8	46
Hardware	8,125.1	12,872.6	37,542.5	192
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,639.1</b>	<b>21,269.5</b>	<b>49,832.3</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>PLUMBING &amp; PIPE PRODUCTS</b>				
Ethylene tubing	869.7	1,017.6	1,793.8	76
Polypropylene tubing	62.4	163.3	200.1	22
PVC tubing	6,061.6	10,906.0	11,755.3	8
Other plastic tubing	2,542.5	3,157.9	2,829.6	-10
Copper tubing	3,767.3	4,590.3	4,611.1	1
Copper tubing accessories	174.3	212.5	160.0	-25
Plastic sanitary ware	695.0	1,224.8	1,721.4	41
Ceramic sanitary articles	377.8	835.6	3,703.3	343
Steel sanitary articles	1,477.4	1,748.2	2,604.9	49
Copper sanitary ware	138.9	284.7	293.6	3
Aluminum sanitary ware	252.7	221.0	130.0	-41
Steam boilers	1,765.8	1,475.9	1,971.6	34
Central heating boilers	145.8	123.8	155.5	26
Auxiliary eq. for boilers	1,120.2	1,066.7	6,555.3	
Water heaters	1,101.7	1,980.3	1,673.5	-15
Water heaters - electric	731.0	692.4	720.4	4
Fittings & brass goods	3,048.0	6,129.3	9,364.2	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,332.1</b>	<b>35,830.3</b>	<b>50,243.6</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>ELECTRIC LIGHTING FIXTURES &amp; SUPPLIES</b>				
Copper cable insulated	1,004.5	380.5	2,537.5	567
Switches & wiring devices	31,580.0	42,909.6	57,554.8	34
Control & distribution panels	725.1	2,114.8	3,611.3	71
Electric cable	3,131.0	6,167.6	7,488.3	21
Lamps & lighting fixtures	7,587.9	13,402.5	16,340.4	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,028.5</b>	<b>64,975.0</b>	<b>87,532.3</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>227,652.0</b>	<b>308,416.5</b>	<b>514,458.2</b>	<b>67</b>

Notes: (1) 1989-1990 percentage growth rate

(2) including doors, windows, cisternas, depositos, persianas

Source: Data published by SECOFI

As can be seen in the above table, in terms of value, the largest category of imports of building products and materials corresponds to wood and cork products (17.7%), followed by electric lighting fixtures and supplies (17.0%), stone and mineral products (13.6%), floor, wall and roof coverings (11.5%), plumbing and pipe products (9.8%), builders hardware (9.7%), metal products (6.9%), chemical and petrochemical products (6.2%), construction articles (5.5%), glass products (1.1%) and prefabricated buildings (1%).

In terms of growth patterns, the product categories exhibiting the fastest growth rates are iron and steel products (343%), builders hardware (134%), construction articles (127%), stone and mineral products (87%), chemical and petrochemical products