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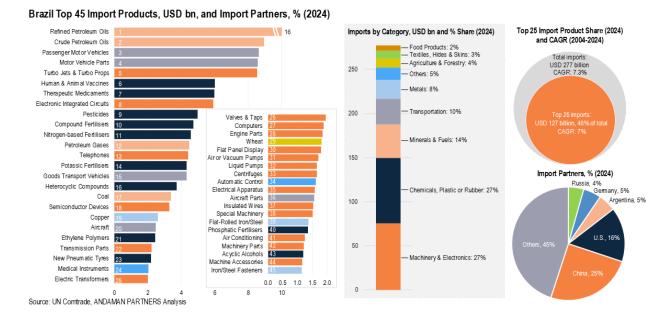
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Capital Goods, Fuels & Chemicals: The Inputs Powering Brazil's Farms and Factories

Brazil's import bill is dominated by capital goods, vehicles & parts, fuels and industrial chemicals, with China as the top supplier.

In 2024, Brazil was the world's 26th-largest importer, with imports amounting to USD 277 billion. With exports of USD 337 billion, the country recorded a trade surplus of USD 60 billion. From 2004 to 2024, Brazil's imports increased at a CAGR of 7.3%.



Brazil's largest import categories in 2024 were Machinery & Electronics at USD 75 billion (27% of total imports) and Chemicals, Plastics or Rubber at USD 74 billion (27%). Other notable categories were Minerals & Fuels (14%), Transportation (10%) and Metals (8%).

Brazil's largest import product in 2024 was refined petroleum oils (USD 16 billion) to cover a domestic shortfall in refined output, followed by crude petroleum oils (USD 9 billion). Brazil is a net exporter of crude petroleum, but the country imports specific grades of crude to optimise local production.

Machinery & Electronics among Brazil's top 20 imports included turbo jets & turbo props, integrated circuits and telephones. Chemicals, Plastics or Rubber import products included vaccines, therapeutic medicaments, pesticides and fertilisers.

The country's third- and fourth-largest imports were transportation-related, namely passenger vehicles and motor vehicle parts. Other Transportation imports among the top 20 were goods transport vehicles and aircraft.

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According to Brazilian government sources, capital goods imports expanded by over 25% in 2024, the highest growth in a decade. This indicates that local businesses are expanding production and investing in tools and technology.

China is Brazil's leading import partner, and was the source of 25% of the country's imports in 2024, followed by the U.S. (16%), Argentina (5%) and Germany (5%).

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