



UPDATE 1-Colombia says June imports up 20 pct vs. yr ago

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BOGOTA, Aug 17 (Reuters) - Colombian imports rose 20 percent in June to \$2.66 billion compared with the same month last year, the government's statistics agency said on Friday.

Imports for the first six months of the year were up 27.1 percent to \$15.3 billion versus the same 2006 period.

Colombia is enjoying strong economic growth driven by foreign investment and domestic demand as President Alvaro Uribe's U.S.-backed security crackdown reduces violence from its guerrilla conflict and draws investors.

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