

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS** AUSTRALIA

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FEBRUARY IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	238
Beverages and tobacco	35
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	119
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	492
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	20
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	712
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	848
Machinery and transport equipment	2 619
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	962
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	53
Total imports	6 098

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics of Australia's merchandise imports classified according to the broadest level (1 digit sections) of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification. The data are compiled from information submitted by importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data, including dissections by commodity and country of origin, are available from International Trade Client Services on Canberra 06 252 5400. This information can also be provided on subscription.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details on the classifications used and basis of compilation, see the quarterly ABS publication *International Merchandise Trade* (Cat. No. 5422.0).

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