

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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OCTOBER IMPORTS

	\$m
Food and live animals	306
Beverages and tobacco	64
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	141
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	403
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	24
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	878
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 098
Machinery and transport equipment	3 604
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 233
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	- 126
Total imports	7 878

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 02 6252 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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