

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	March 2005	April 2005	May 2005
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	458	476	438
Beverages and tobacco	82	77	73
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	168	167	166
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 434	1 394	1 521
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	40	29	32
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 652	1 562	1 472
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 506	1 479	1 504
Machinery and transport equipment	5 638	5 499	5 779
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 511	1 673	1 574
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	218	230	277
TOTAL	12 707	12 586	12 837

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

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