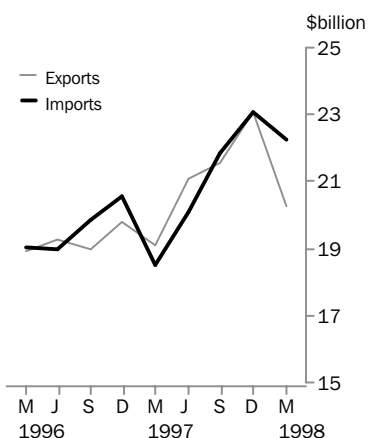


INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

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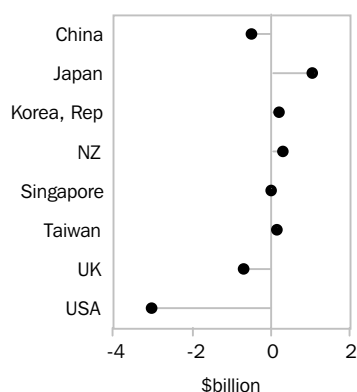
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Exports and imports



Balance by country

March quarter 1998



MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

	\$m	% change Dec Qtr 1997 to Mar Qtr 1998	% change Mar Qtr 1997 to Mar Qtr 1998
Merchandise exports	20 291	-12.1	6.4
Merchandise imports	22 261	-3.4	20.5

MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

BY COUNTRY

- Japan, surplus down 24% to \$1,138 million
- New Zealand, surplus down 8% to \$437 million
- UK, deficit down 9% to \$658 million
- USA, deficit down 1% to \$3,026 million

BY COMMODITY

MAJOR EXPORTS

- Coal, down 2% to \$2,343 million
- Non monetary gold, up 14% to \$1,632 million
- Wheat, down 1% to \$983 million
- Iron ore, down 11% to \$858 million

MAJOR IMPORTS

- Passenger motor vehicles, up 8% to \$1,657 million
- Data processing machines, steady at \$1,047 million
- Crude petroleum, down 6% to \$868 million.

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The only change to the content in this publication is the exclusion of raw cane sugar in bulk form, from the major commodities shown in Table 9. Exports of raw cane sugar in bulk form are subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction from January 1998 onwards.



REVISIONS

Revisions since the last issue of this publication have:

- decreased total exports for the December quarter 1997 by \$80 million, and decreased total exports for the year ended December 1997 by \$65 million;
- decreased total imports for the December quarter 1997 by \$16 million; and decreased total imports for the year ended December 1997 by \$20 million; and
- decreased the merchandise trade surplus for the December quarter 1997 by \$63 million; and decreased the merchandise trade surplus for the year ended December 1997 by \$44 million.

These revisions resulted from generally small changes to a large number of commodities and countries, with no significant contributor.



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QUARTERLY ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

EXCESS OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS OR IMPORTS

In the March quarter 1998 merchandise imports exceeded merchandise exports by \$1,971 million, a turnaround of \$1,994 million from the surplus recorded in the December quarter 1997.

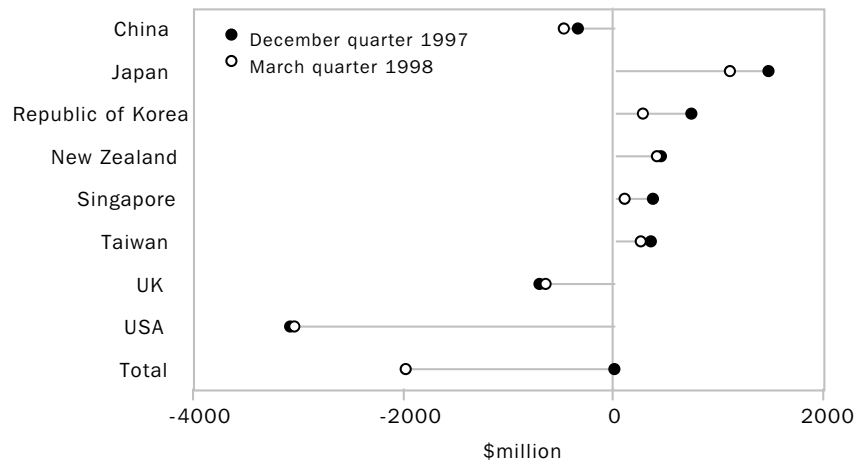
Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced surpluses with:

- Japan, down \$362 million (24%) to \$1,138 million;
- New Zealand, down \$40 million (8%) to \$437 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$459 million (60%) to \$304 million;
- Taiwan, down \$98 million (26%) to \$279 million; and
- Singapore, down \$270 million (68%) to \$125 million.

Deficits were recorded with:

- USA, down \$41 million (1%) to \$3,026 million;
- UK, down \$68 million (9%) to \$658 million; and
- China, up \$150 million (43%) to \$495 million.

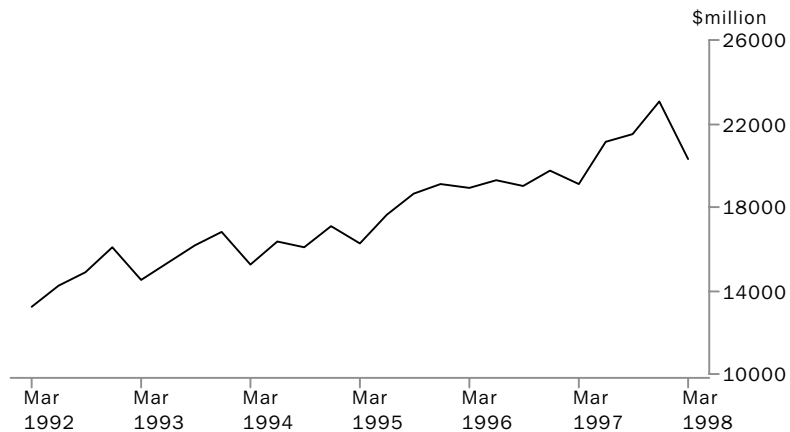
AUSTRALIA'S QUARTERLY TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES, Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Merchandise exports for March quarter 1998 were \$20,291 million, down \$2,781 million or 12% on the previous quarter.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS
continued

The export commodity groups recording significant decreases on the previous quarter were:

- *food and live animals*, down \$984 million (22%) to \$3,577 million (due mainly to decreased exports of meat and meat preparations; and dairy products and birds' eggs);
- *machinery and transport equipment*, down \$794 million (27%) to \$2,197 million (due mainly to decreased exports of road vehicles; telecommunications and sound recording and reproduction apparatus and equipment; transport equipment, excluding road vehicles; and office machines and automatic data processing machines);
- *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, down \$685 million (15%) to \$4,036 million (due mainly to decreased exports of textile fibres and their wastes; and metalliferous ores and metal scrap; which were partly offset by increased exports of oil seeds and oleaginous fruits); and
- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, down \$356 million (9%) to \$3,691 million (due mainly to decreased exports of petroleum, petroleum products and related materials).

Increases were recorded for *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, up \$499 million (25%) to \$2,469 million (due mainly to increased exports of combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes; and non-monetary gold).

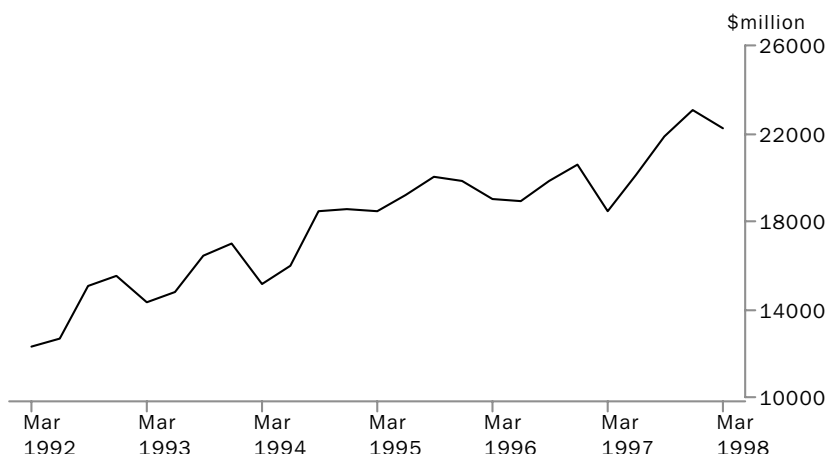
In the March quarter 1998 the major export destinations for Australia's goods were:

- Japan, down \$502 million (11%) to \$4,190 million;
- USA, up \$222 million (13%) to \$1,996 million;
- New Zealand, down \$174 million (12%) to \$1,291 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$443 million (27%) to \$1,188 million;
- Hong Kong, down \$157 million (13%) to \$1,033 million;
- Taiwan, down \$159 million (14%) to \$951 million;
- China, down \$227 million (21%) to \$836 million; and
- Singapore, down \$266 million (25%) to \$785 million.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

Merchandise imports for March quarter 1998 were \$22,261 million, down \$788 million, or 3% on the previous quarter.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS



MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

continued

The import commodity groups recording significant decreases on the previous quarter were:

- *machinery and transport equipment*, down \$787 million (7%) to \$9,986 million (due mainly to decreased imports of telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment; transport equipment, excluding road vehicles; general industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes; and machinery specialised for particular industries); and
- *miscellaneous manufactured articles*, down \$237 million (7%) to \$3,208 million (due mainly to decreased imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes; photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks; and professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes; which were partly offset by increased imports of articles of apparel and clothing accessories; and footwear).

Increases were recorded for *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, up \$369 million (100%) to \$739 million (due mainly to increased imports of non-monetary gold); and *chemicals and related products*, up \$117 million (5%) to \$2,649 million (due mainly to increased imports of fertilisers, excluding crude).

In the March quarter 1998 the major sources for Australian imports were:

- USA, up \$181 million (4%) to \$5,022 million;
- Japan, down \$139 million (4%) to \$3,052 million;
- UK, up \$6 million to \$1,399 million;
- China, down \$76 million (5%) to \$1,332 million;
- Germany, down \$31 million (2%) to \$1,283 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$16 million (2%) to \$884 million;
- New Zealand, down \$134 million (14%) to \$854 million; and
- Indonesia, down \$92 million (12%) to \$699 million.

EXCESS OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS OR IMPORTS

For the year ended March 1998 merchandise imports exceeded merchandise exports by \$1,214 million, an increase of \$461 million from the deficit recorded for the previous year.

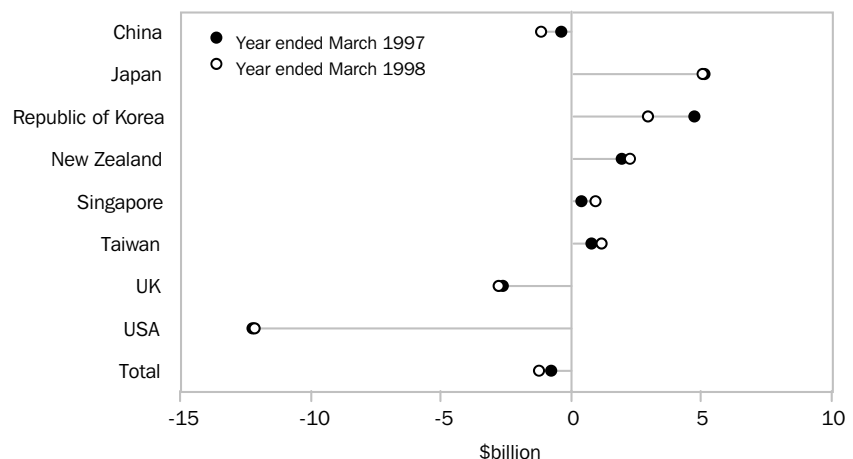
Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced deficits with:

- USA, down \$88 million (1%) to \$12,161 million;
- UK, up \$137 million (5%) to \$2,779 million; and
- China, up \$783 million (205%) to \$1,165 million.

Surpluses were recorded with:

- Japan, down \$51 million (1%) to \$5,208 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$1,711 million (35%) to \$3,148 million;
- New Zealand, up \$325 million (16%) to \$2,393 million;
- Taiwan, up \$333 million (34%) to \$1,299 million; and
- Singapore, up \$559 million (97%) to \$1,138 million.

AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES, Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Merchandise exports for the year ended March 1998 were \$85,990 million, up \$8,865 million or 11% on the previous year.

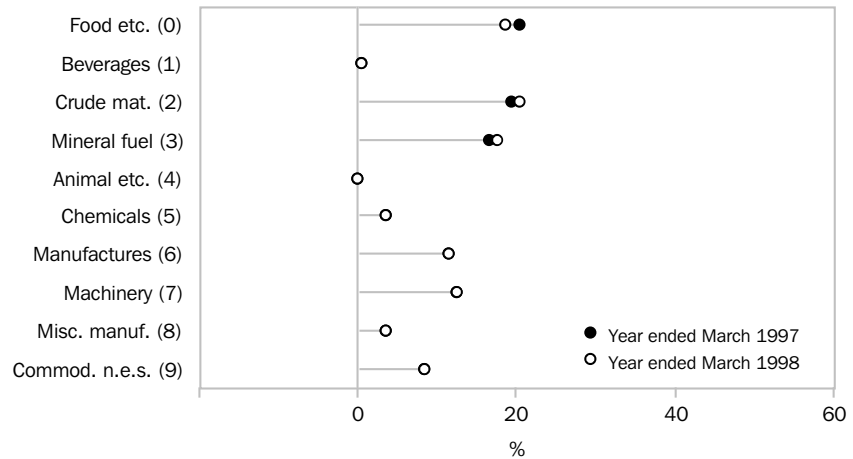
The exports commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous year were:

- *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, up \$2,537 million (17%) to \$17,629 million (due mainly to increased exports of metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and textile fibres and their wastes);
- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, up \$1,723 million (13%) to \$15,124 million (with all categories contributing to the increase: coal, coke and briquettes being the most significant);
- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$1,397 million (14%) to \$11,256 million (due mainly to increased exports of transport equipment, excluding road vehicles; telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment; and power generating machinery and equipment); and
- *manufactured goods classified chiefly by material*, up \$977 million (11%) to \$10,251 million (due mainly to increased exports of non-ferrous metals; and iron and steel).

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

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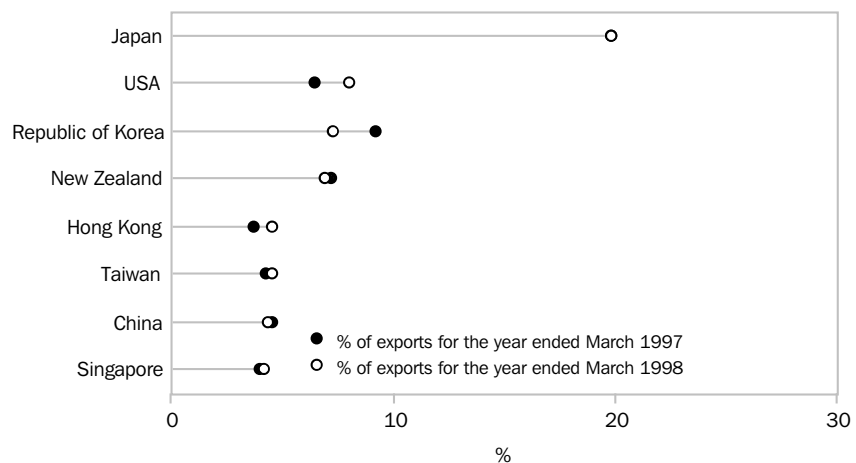
COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF EXPORTS



Australia's major exports destinations were:

- Japan, up \$1,770 million (11%) to \$17,207 million;
- USA, up \$1,944 million (38%) to \$7,075 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$845 million (12%) to \$6,413 million;
- New Zealand, up \$389 million (7%) to \$6,104 million;
- Hong Kong, up \$1,047 million (35%) to \$4,065 million.
- Taiwan, up \$605 million (18%) to \$4,061 million;
- China, up \$279 million (8%) to \$3,948 million; and
- Singapore, up \$506 million (16%) to \$3,736 million;

COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS



MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

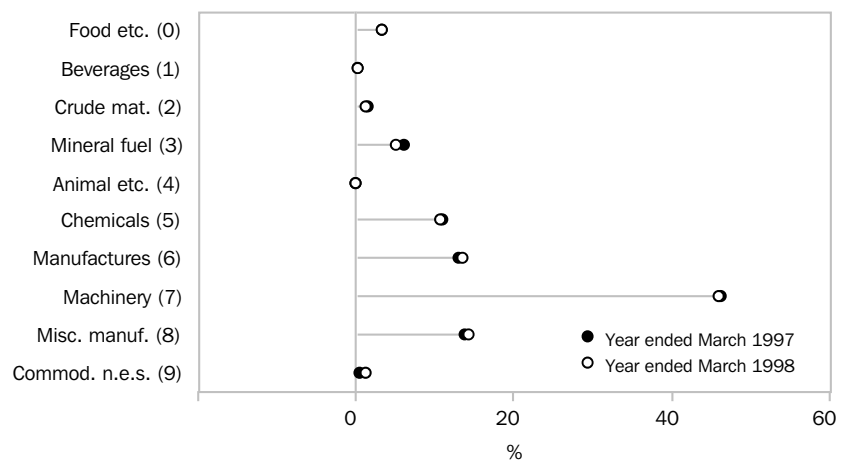
Merchandise imports for the year ended March 1998 were \$87,204 million, up \$9,326 million or 12% on the previous year.

The imports commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous year were:

- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$4,104 million (11%) to \$40,447 million (due mainly to increased imports of road vehicles; office machines and automatic data processing machines; general industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes; which were partly offset by decreased imports of transport equipment, excluding road vehicles);
- *miscellaneous manufactured articles*, up \$1,825 million (17%) to \$12,839 million (due mainly to increased imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes; articles of apparel and clothing accessories; and professional scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes); and
- *manufactured good classified chiefly by material*, up \$1,579 million (15%) to \$12,098 million (due mainly to increased imports of manufactures of metals, nes; iron and steel; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles nes, and related products; and non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes).

Decreases were recorded for *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, down \$374 million (7%) to \$4,760 (due mainly to decreased imports of petroleum, petroleum products and related materials); and *animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes*, down \$8 million (3%) to \$269 million.

COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF IMPORTS

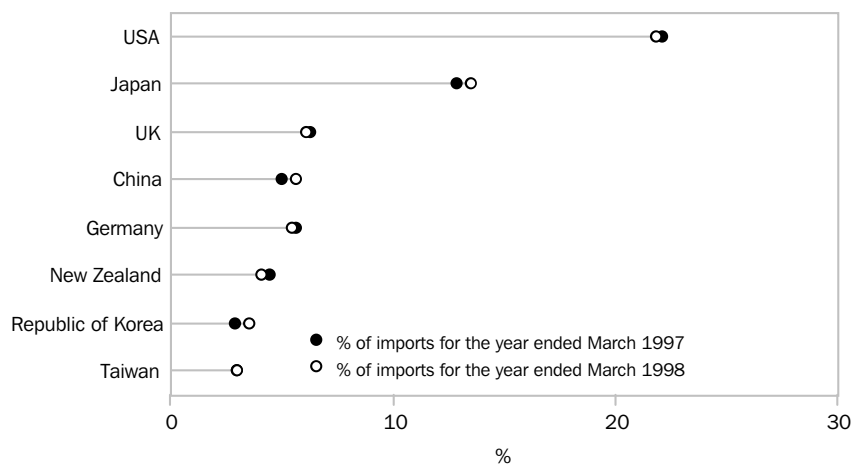


Australia's major import sources were:

- USA, up \$1,856 million (11%) to \$19,236 million;
- Japan, up \$1,821 million (18%) to \$11,999 million;
- UK, up \$404 million (8%) to \$5,492 million;
- China, up \$1,062 million (26%) to \$5,113 million;
- Germany, up \$368 million (8%) to \$4,927 million;
- New Zealand, up \$64 million (2%) to \$3,711 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$866 million (36%) to \$3,265 million; and
- Taiwan, up \$272 million (11%) to \$2,762 million.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS
continued

COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS



EXPORT AND IMPORT CURRENCIES

INTRODUCTION

1 The recent Asian economic crisis and the significant depreciation of some Asian currencies have stimulated interest in the currencies used in invoices for Australia's exports and imports. This article provides an analysis of the major invoice currencies used for Australia's merchandise trade for the four quarters of calendar year 1997 and March quarter 1998. These five quarters are compared for both exports and imports to identify any changes in the composition of the currencies in which goods are invoiced, particularly any movements which may be associated with the Asian economic crisis. The invoice currencies of major commodities exported from and imported into Australia, classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev3), are also examined.

2 Information on the currencies used in import and export transactions is collected by the Australian Customs Service (ACS) and is included with the other international trade information passed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). This information, while not included in a printed publication, is available as a special data service and may be obtained by contacting ABS Client Services as indicated on the back page of this publication.

DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

3 For imports, the value of goods is reported to the ACS in the invoice currency of the transaction. The Customs system automatically converts the value to Australian dollars using exchange rates prevailing on the reported date of departure of the goods from the overseas country. The ABS receives details of the reported invoice currency, together with the value of the import transaction in Australian dollars.

4 For exports, goods invoiced in US dollars, Japanese yen, pounds sterling, New Zealand dollars or Deutsche marks, are reported in those foreign currencies. Amounts invoiced in other currencies are converted to Australian dollars by the exporter and this value is reported on the Customs entry. The invoice currency is also reported on the Customs entry. The ABS receives the exports data as reported to the ACS and converts values reported in one of the five major foreign currencies to Australian dollars using the exchange rate prevailing on the date of departure of the goods from Australia.

5 Readers should note that while currencies are converted to Australian dollars at exchange rates applicable on the day of shipment, the Australian importer or exporter may undertake the conversion for actual receipt or payment using a different exchange rate, or one applying on a different day. As well, it should be noted that many importers and exporters hedge the payments and the actual exchange rate achieved may differ from that applicable on shipment date.

ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR INVOICE CURRENCIES OF AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE

6 Tables A and B show the major invoice currencies of Australia's exports and imports respectively for the five quarters from March 1997 to March 1998. For both exports and imports, the predominant invoice currency is the US dollar, accounting for 63.6% of total Australian exports for the five quarters and 51.9% of total imports for the same period. The other significant currency for both exports and imports is the Australian dollar. Almost one third of Australia's exports and about one quarter of Australia's imports were invoiced in Australian dollars during the period.

EXPORT AND IMPORT CURRENCIES *continued*

ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR INVOICE
CURRENCIES OF AUSTRALIA'S
MERCHANDISE TRADE
continued

7 The proportion of trade denominated in currencies other than US and Australian dollars is relatively insignificant. The third largest invoice currency used for both exports and imports is the Japanese yen, accounting for 0.8% of total exports and 6.0% of imports. Exports and imports invoiced in the currencies of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand (described as 'Other Asian currencies' in the Tables), comprised only a small proportion of total Australian exports and imports. As can be seen from Tables A and B, only 0.2% of total exports from Australia and 1.7% of total imports to Australia were denominated in 'Other Asian currencies'.

8 An analysis of invoice currency over the four quarters of 1997 and March quarter of 1998 did not show any significant movements between currencies that could be attributed to the Asian currency crisis. Given the forward contracting arrangements of traders, changes in invoice currency may not have had time to show up. The value of trade across the five major invoice currencies, and the 'Other Asian currencies' component, rose steadily throughout 1997 with a slight fall in March quarter 1998. The proportion of trade denominated in each of the currencies also remained fairly constant throughout 1997 and March quarter 1998. There appears to have been little immediate change in the composition of invoice currencies used for Australia's imports and exports in response to the Asian economic crisis.

ANALYSIS OF MAJOR EXPORT AND
IMPORT COMMODITIES BY INVOICE
CURRENCY

9 Tables C and D show Australia's top ten export and import commodity groups, expressed in terms of Divisions of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Revision 3, and the major currencies in which they were invoiced for the five quarters, March 1997 to March 1998 inclusive. Consistent with the invoice currency composition of total Australian exports and imports, US and Australian dollars are the dominant invoice currencies for most of Australia's major export and import commodity Divisions. Other currencies are barely represented in the top ten export commodity groups. In the case of imports, the spread of currencies is wider, but in all cases more than 50% of total trade in the top ten Divisions is denominated in US dollars and/or Australian dollars.

10 The major invoice currencies for exports of *Metalliferous ores* (SITC 28), Australia's largest export commodity Division, were the US dollar with 83.0% and the Australian dollar with 17.0%. The US dollar was also the major invoice currency for the other nine major export commodity Divisions. In particular, in 1997 and the March quarter of 1998, the US dollar comprised 94.7% of the invoice value of *Coal, coke and briquettes* (SITC 32) and 92.4% of *Non-monetary gold* exports (SITC 97). For *Cereal and cereal preparation* exports (SITC 04), 89.7% were invoiced in US dollars and 8.7% in Australian dollars, with 'Other Asian currencies' comprising the third largest invoice currency within this Division, accounting for 0.8% of the exports. The Australian dollar was almost as significant as the US dollar in exports of *Textile fibres (including wool)* (SITC 26), accounting for 46.0% as against 48.8% invoiced in US dollars.

EXPORT AND IMPORT CURRENCIES *continued*

ANALYSIS OF MAJOR EXPORT AND IMPORT COMMODITIES BY INVOICE CURRENCY *continued*

11 *Road vehicles* (SITC 78) was Australia's largest import commodity Division for the period from March quarter 1997 to March quarter 1998. It was also one of only two of the top ten imports Divisions invoiced predominantly in Australian dollars, the other being *Medicinal and pharmaceutical products* (SITC 54). For *Road vehicles*, the Australian dollar represented 43.0%, the Japanese yen 24.3%, the US dollar 23.1%, and Deutsche marks 6.8%. In 1997 and the March quarter of 1998, the US dollar comprised 83.7% of *Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials* imports (SITC 33) and 75.5% of *Office machines and automatic data processing machines* (SITC 75). For both of these commodity Divisions, the Australian dollar ranked as the second most important invoice currency accounting for just over 16% of imports. For imports of *Electrical machinery* (SITC 77), the US dollar and Australian dollar together accounted for only 75.9% of the import value (representing 57.7% and 18.2% of the value respectively). Deutsche marks, pounds sterling, Japanese yen and 'Other Asian currencies' contributed a further 14.7% to the invoice value of commodities in this Division. Likewise, for imports of *General industrial machinery* (SITC 74) the US dollar (42.5%) and Australian dollar (16.1%) together comprised only 58.6% of the value of imports in this commodity Division with a further 25.7% invoiced in the other major currencies (including 'Other Asian currencies'). A significant 14.4% of imports for this commodity Division were invoiced in a range of other currencies.

ANALYSIS OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY OTHER INVOICE CURRENCY

12 Over the five quarters studied, goods invoiced in 'Other Asian currencies' and 'Other currencies' represented 0.2% and 0.8% respectively of exports, and 1.7% and 7.7% respectively of imports. For exports, the Divisions with the largest percentage of trade invoiced in 'Other Asian currencies' and 'Other currencies' were, respectively, *Travel goods, handbags and similar containers* (SITC 83) with 5.5% and *Organic chemicals* (SITC 51) with 5.7%. For imports, the Divisions with the largest percentage of trade invoiced in 'Other Asian currencies' and 'Other currencies' were, respectively, *Gold coin, and other coin being legal tender* (SITC 95) with 26.6% and *Live animals, other than fish* (SITC 00) with 64.8%. In the case of *Live animals, other than fish*, most imports were invoiced in NZ dollars (63.7%).

EXPORT AND IMPORT CURRENCIES *continued*

TABLE A: INVOICE CURRENCIES FOR EXPORTS, March Quarter 1997 to March Quarter 1998

Currency	Mar qtr 1997.....		Jun qtr 1997.....		Sept qtr 1997....		Dec qtr 1997.....		Mar qtr 1998.....		Total.....	
	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%
US Dollars	12 371	64.8	13 169	62.4	13 213	61.4	14 647	63.5	13 394	66.0	66 793	63.6
Australian Dollars	6 145	32.2	7 307	34.6	7 568	35.2	7 686	33.3	6 251	30.8	34 957	33.3
Japanese Yen	111	0.6	122	0.6	228	1.1	207	0.9	129	0.6	797	0.8
Pounds Sterling	117	0.6	152	0.7	170	0.8	177	0.8	159	0.8	776	0.7
NZ Dollars	123	0.6	128	0.6	143	0.7	146	0.6	141	0.7	681	0.6
Other Asian currencies(a)	35	0.2	45	0.2	49	0.2	48	0.2	38	0.2	215	0.2
Other	177	0.9	182	0.9	151	0.7	160	0.7	179	0.9	850	0.8
Total	19 078		21 106		21 521		23 072		20 291		105 068	

(a) Other Asian currencies include currencies for the following countries: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

TABLE B: INVOICE CURRENCIES FOR IMPORTS, March Quarter 1997 to March Quarter 1998

Currency	Mar qtr 1997.....		Jun qtr 1997.....		Sept qtr 1997....		Dec qtr 1997.....		Mar qtr 1998.....		Total.....	
	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%	\$A m	%
US Dollars	9 429	51.0	10 599	52.8	11 201	51.3	11 880	51.5	11 691	52.5	54 799	51.9
Australian Dollars	4 599	24.9	4 864	24.2	5 501	25.2	5 809	25.2	5 420	24.3	26 192	24.8
Japanese Yen	1 145	6.2	1 151	5.7	1 404	6.4	1 330	5.8	1 335	6.0	6 366	6.0
Deutsche Marks	830	4.5	881	4.4	939	4.3	996	4.3	968	4.3	4 614	4.4
Pounds Sterling	679	3.7	738	3.7	773	3.5	807	3.5	761	3.4	3 758	3.6
Other Asian currencies(a)	280	1.5	303	1.5	380	1.7	446	1.9	362	1.6	1 770	1.7
Other	1 519	8.2	1 538	7.7	1 624	7.4	1 781	7.7	1 725	7.8	8 187	7.7
Total	18 482		20 073		21 821		23 049		22 261		105 686	

(a) Other Asian currencies include currencies for the following countries: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

EXPORT AND IMPORT CURRENCIES *continued*

TABLE C: SELECTED EXPORT COMMODITIES BY INVOICE CURRENCIES, March Quarter 1997 to March Quarter 1998

Description and SITC Division code	Total exports included in SITC Division (%)							Other Asian currencies(a) (%)	All other currencies (%)
	US Dollars (%)	Australian Dollars (%)	Japanese Yen (%)	Pounds Sterling (%)	NZ Dollars (%)				
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	12.0	83.0	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	10.6	94.7	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Cereal and cereal preparations (04)	7.0	89.7	8.7	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.3	
Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates) (97)	6.2	92.4	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	
Non-ferrous metals (68)	5.9	82.3	17.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	
Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric) (26)	5.8	48.8	46.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	3.8	
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials (33)	4.7	68.9	31.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Meat and meat preparations (01)	4.1	59.4	32.4	1.8	2.3	0.3	1.0	2.9	
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	2.4	98.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Dairy products and birds' eggs (02)	2.2	68.7	29.4	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.3	
Organic chemicals (51)	0.2	45.9	47.8	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	5.7	
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers (83)	0.0	7.7	82.3	0.1	0.0	3.9	5.5	0.3	

(a) Other Asian currencies include currencies for the following countries: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

TABLE D: SELECTED IMPORT COMMODITIES BY INVOICE CURRENCIES, March Quarter 1997 to March Quarter 1998

Description and SITC Division code	Total imports included in SITC Division (%)						Other Asian currencies(a) (%)	All other currencies (%)
	US Dollars (%)	Australian Dollars (%)	Japanese Yen (%)	Deutsche Marks (%)	Pounds Sterling (%)			
Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles) (78)	11.7	23.1	43.0	24.3	6.8	0.9	0.2	1.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	7.7	75.5	16.6	4.1	0.4	1.4	0.6	1.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-electric counterparts of electrical domestic equipment) (77)	6.0	57.7	18.2	4.2	5.8	4.7	1.1	8.3
General industrial machinery, equipment, and parts thereof not elsewhere specified (74)	6.0	42.5	16.1	9.4	10.5	5.8	1.5	14.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes (89)	5.8	53.9	21.3	2.3	2.5	8.4	4.2	7.4
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials (33)	5.8	83.7	16.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	4.8	43.6	14.6	9.8	11.9	5.4	0.5	14.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment (76)	4.4	49.4	33.0	4.6	2.3	5.6	0.4	4.6
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products (65)	2.8	63.9	17.1	2.9	2.3	3.0	2.5	8.3
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products (54)	2.7	27.3	49.6	0.5	7.3	3.7	0.3	11.4
Gold coin (95)	0.2	47.1	1.6	0.0	10.2	9.2	26.6	5.3
Live animals other than fish (00)	0.0	3.0	31.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	64.8

(a) Other Asian currencies include currencies for the following countries: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Country

	<i>China</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>Korea, Republic of</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Singapore</i>	<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>United States of America</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
1994-95	2 964	16 282	5 250	4 791	3 643	3 102	2 275	4 643	67 052
1995-96	3 781	16 429	6 615	5 609	3 556	3 452	2 829	4 619	76 005
1996-97	3 584	15 376	7 134	6 215	3 410	3 620	2 358	5 527	78 938
1996									
June	1 084	3 988	1 820	1 371	787	855	719	1 169	19 293
September	816	3 775	1 925	1 500	768	852	600	1 254	18 985
December	906	3 880	1 977	1 479	755	801	664	1 447	19 768
1997									
March	862	3 794	1 537	1 365	920	948	462	1 260	19 078
June	999	3 928	1 696	1 871	967	1 020	631	1 566	21 106
September	1 049	4 398	1 898	1 476	933	979	674	1 739	21 521
December	1 063	4 692	1 631	1 465	1 051	1 110	667	1 774	23 072
1998									
March	836	4 190	1 188	1 291	785	951	741	1 996	20 291

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)

	<i>Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)</i>	<i>Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)</i>	<i>Developing Countries (DCs)</i>	<i>European Union (EU)</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
1994-95	52 263	10 439	29 650	7 498
1995-96	57 617	11 717	35 895	8 464
1996-97	59 333	12 257	38 621	8 174
1996				
June	14 539	2 839	9 264	2 110
September	14 681	3 050	9 188	1 878
December	14 807	2 956	9 458	2 208
1997				
March	13 973	2 899	9 612	1 915
June	15 871	3 353	10 362	2 173
September	16 398	3 270	10 398	2 129
December	17 013	3 403	11 059	2 462
1998				
March	14 337	2 283	8 792	2 484

(a) Countries included in country groups are shown in the Appendix.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Country

	<i>China</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>Korea, Republic of</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Singapore</i>	<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>United States of America</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
1994-95	3 649	12 777	2 028	3 554	2 246	2 570	4 439	16 044	74 619
1995-96	4 010	10 816	2 293	3 591	2 613	2 585	4 882	17 545	77 792
1996-97	4 203	10 241	2 550	3 685	2 620	2 522	5 182	17 642	78 998
1996									
June	825	2 581	561	868	670	610	1 231	4 442	18 952
September	1 145	2 583	626	918	640	642	1 338	4 430	19 873
December	1 122	2 552	627	1 017	791	675	1 290	4 546	20 571
1997									
March	958	2 463	585	845	550	563	1 229	3 962	18 482
June	978	2 643	712	906	638	643	1 326	4 704	20 073
September	1 395	3 112	802	962	645	714	1 374	4 670	21 821
December	1 408	3 191	868	988	656	733	1 393	4 841	23 049
1998									
March	1 332	3 052	884	854	659	672	1 399	5 022	22 261

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)

	<i>Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)</i>	<i>Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)</i>	<i>Developing Countries (DCs)</i>	<i>European Union (EU)</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
1994-95	50 313	6 419	19 825	18 218
1995-96	52 008	7 372	21 702	19 388
1996-97	52 447	8 300	23 317	19 666
1996				
June	12 658	1 857	5 218	4 684
September	13 040	1 949	5 780	5 117
December	13 767	2 271	6 134	5 046
1997				
March	12 121	1 914	5 470	4 633
June	13 519	2 167	5 933	4 870
September	14 772	2 336	6 805	5 193
December	15 597	2 749	7 260	5 596
1998				
March	15 205	2 582	6 850	5 404

(a) Countries included in country groups are shown in the Appendix.

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EXCESS OF EXPORTS OVER IMPORTS, By Country(a)

Period	China	Japan	Korea, Republic of	New Zealand	Singapore	Taiwan	United Kingdom	United States of America	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994-95	- 685	3 505	3 221	1 237	1 398	533	-2 164	-11 401	-7 567
1995-96	- 229	5 613	4 322	2 017	943	867	-2 053	-12 926	-1 787
1996-97	- 619	5 136	4 584	2 530	790	1 098	-2 824	-12 115	-61
1996									
June	259	1 407	1 259	503	118	245	- 512	-3 273	341
September	- 329	1 192	1 299	582	128	210	- 738	-3 176	- 888
December	- 216	1 327	1 349	462	-36	126	- 625	-3 099	- 802
1997									
March	-96	1 331	952	520	369	385	- 767	-2 701	597
June	22	1 284	984	965	328	378	- 694	-3 138	1 033
September	- 346	1 286	1 097	514	289	265	- 700	-2 930	- 300
December	- 345	1 500	763	477	395	377	- 726	-3 067	23
1998									
March	- 495	1 138	304	437	125	279	- 658	-3 026	-1 971

(a) A negative sign indicates that imports exceed exports.

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EXCESS OF EXPORTS OVER IMPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)(b)

Period	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)	Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	Developing Countries (DCs)	European Union (EU)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994-95	1 950	4 021	9 825	-10 720
1995-96	5 610	4 345	14 193	-10 924
1996-97	6 886	3 957	15 304	-11 492
1996				
June	1 881	982	4 047	-2 574
September	1 641	1 101	3 408	-3 239
December	1 040	685	3 324	-2 838
1997				
March	1 852	985	4 142	-2 718
June	2 352	1 186	4 429	-2 697
September	1 626	934	3 593	-3 064
December	1 415	654	3 800	-3 133
1998				
March	- 868	- 299	1 942	-2 920

(a) Countries included in country groups are shown in the Appendix.

(b) A negative sign indicates that imports exceed exports.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country

Country	DEC QTR 1997		MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Algeria	13	—	8	1	20	—	34	1
Angola	1	—	—	—	3	—	4	—
Argentina	23	20	28	25	118	101	104	85
Australia (Re-imports)	—	92	—	64	—	189	—	314
Austria	9	136	7	111	22	427	27	424
Bahamas	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	5
Bahrain(a)	36	3	26	8	68	15	99	30
Bangladesh	86	9	74	13	261	21	251	58
Barbados	2	—	1	—	3	1	4	1
Belgium-Luxembourg	245	180	287	185	903	771	965	729
Bolivia	—	4	1	1	2	6	1	6
Brazil	121	100	81	89	370	363	385	376
Brunei	13	1	12	5	68	—	53	5
Bulgaria	7	1	3	2	17	7	16	6
Cambodia	3	—	4	—	16	1	12	1
Canada	366	368	246	349	1 211	1 332	1 165	1 323
Cayman Islands	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	2
Chile	38	33	55	20	198	98	171	88
China	1 063	1 408	836	1 332	3 669	4 051	3 948	5 113
Christmas Island	6	2	3	1	17	4	18	7
Cocos (Keeling) Island	2	—	1	—	3	2	5	—
Colombia	12	6	4	4	54	21	40	21
Cook Islands	1	1	2	—	4	1	5	1
Costa Rica	—	1	1	3	1	6	2	9
Cote d'Ivoire	—	3	1	2	1	5	2	7
Croatia	6	2	2	2	4	7	13	8
Cuba	—	1	—	2	4	3	2	5
Cyprus	2	2	2	1	13	2	8	4
Czech Republic	21	12	7	13	32	53	48	49
Denmark	10	110	17	89	102	372	62	392
Dominican Republic	—	—	3	1	1	1	5	2
Ecuador	4	1	8	1	26	2	17	2
Egypt(a)	65	3	107	3	510	11	377	13
Ethiopia	—	—	—	1	5	1	1	3
Fiji	142	78	110	76	520	260	522	298
Finland	64	184	89	168	305	552	310	702
France	237	568	192	496	744	1 963	862	1 965
French Polynesia	20	2	27	1	75	5	78	6
Germany	324	1 314	307	1 283	1 048	4 559	1 156	4 927
Ghana	10	2	17	2	41	5	77	7
Greece	15	21	7	24	44	92	39	89
Guam	5	—	3	—	16	—	16	—
Guatemala	—	—	1	2	1	3	9	5
Hong Kong	1 190	277	1 033	235	3 018	892	4 065	1 039
Hungary	5	13	4	14	5	32	12	51
Iceland(a)	1	1	1	1	4	6	4	4
India	426	183	427	157	1 410	565	1 621	657
Indonesia	858	791	474	699	3 172	1 752	3 210	2 508
Iran	43	8	109	4	766	29	444	23
Iraq	108	12	101	—	33	—	375	16
Ireland	16	207	16	233	49	462	63	777
Israel	31	103	26	90	111	277	108	369
Italy	544	630	408	653	1 271	2 289	1 720	2 485
Jamaica	2	—	4	—	9	1	10	1
Japan	4 692	3 191	4 190	3 052	15 437	10 178	17 207	11 999
Jordan	6	6	11	8	95	27	55	29

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country *continued*

Country	DEC QTR 1997		MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Kenya	4	5	5	5	34	13	46	17
Kiribati	5	—	5	—	22	1	19	—
Korea, Republic of	1 631	868	1 188	884	7 258	2 399	6 413	3 265
Kuwait	52	19	47	30	148	123	181	91
Laos	—	—	1	—	6	—	4	—
Lebanon	11	2	8	1	23	4	40	6
Libya	39	—	44	—	27	—	126	—
Lithuania	2	—	2	—	6	1	6	1
Macau	2	2	2	3	14	6	6	9
Madagascar	1	—	—	—	4	1	3	1
Malawi	—	2	—	3	2	5	2	6
Malaysia	662	562	401	635	2 225	1 767	2 224	2 295
Maldives	2	—	1	—	3	—	4	—
Malta	4	1	3	2	10	6	11	6
Marianas Northern	1	—	—	—	2	—	4	1
Marshall Islands	2	—	1	—	3	—	4	—
Mauritius	25	1	23	1	93	2	94	2
Mexico	49	48	68	75	132	169	192	221
Micronesia Fed States of	4	—	2	—	8	—	16	—
Morocco	4	6	24	3	35	13	48	17
Mozambique	3	—	2	—	11	—	15	—
Myanmar	8	4	8	4	17	8	27	12
Namibia	1	2	—	1	2	6	2	7
Nauru	10	4	5	3	18	9	26	11
Nepal	2	—	1	1	7	2	6	2
Netherlands	176	223	256	203	634	821	726	810
Netherlands Antilles	5	1	1	—	3	2	7	1
New Caledonia	50	13	40	8	217	40	186	43
New Zealand	1 465	988	1 291	854	5 715	3 647	6 104	3 711
Nigeria	3	—	3	—	15	65	15	26
Norfolk Island	4	—	3	—	23	—	14	—
Norway	33	60	38	58	126	171	160	192
Oman	47	—	57	—	113	29	180	54
Pakistan	161	46	76	44	259	144	496	167
Palau	1	—	1	—	7	—	2	—
Panama	1	—	1	—	3	1	3	—
Papua New Guinea	310	201	280	193	1 259	1 178	1 203	808
Peru	23	4	5	2	32	17	51	18
Philippines	352	131	242	84	1 157	280	1 268	393
Poland	12	64	7	8	31	27	82	86
Portugal	13	31	5	29	45	101	33	116
Puerto Rico	2	15	4	8	7	295	9	151
Qatar	15	35	15	44	47	125	49	146
Romania	28	2	29	1	100	10	116	7
Russian Federation	59	4	61	3	90	24	186	14
Samoa	8	13	8	11	44	62	34	58
Samoa (American)	20	2	5	1	35	3	48	6
Saudi Arabia	150	154	109	156	442	918	452	706
Seychelles	1	—	2	—	4	—	8	1
Singapore	1 051	656	785	659	3 230	2 651	3 736	2 598
Slovak Republic	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3
Slovenia	1	8	1	7	9	26	4	28
Solomon Islands	27	1	25	2	81	3	99	5
South Africa	287	154	293	151	977	444	1 075	530
Spain	108	173	123	160	274	468	414	593
Sri Lanka	54	19	60	19	220	58	195	70
Sudan	9	—	7	—	21	—	32	—
Sweden	33	426	30	370	224	1 514	158	1 561
Switzerland	249	257	292	235	393	897	673	934

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country *continued*

Country	DEC QTR 1997		MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Taiwan	1 110	733	951	672	3 456	2 490	4 061	2 762
Tanzania	7	1	7	2	22	6	35	5
Thailand	388	409	287	371	1 666	1 132	1 524	1 413
Tonga	4	—	4	—	14	1	18	1
Trinidad and Tobago	4	—	10	—	6	1	22	2
Tunisia	—	—	—	4	1	7	3	6
Turkey	149	30	120	24	376	75	540	104
Uganda	1	2	1	1	2	6	3	6
Ukraine	7	—	2	—	10	2	12	2
United Arab Emirates	309	105	295	125	632	754	994	578
United Kingdom	667	1 393	741	1 399	2 446	5 088	2 713	5 492
United States of America	1 774	4 841	1 996	5 022	5 131	17 380	7 075	19 236
United States Virgin Islands	8	2	—	—	—	8	8	8
Uruguay	3	1	2	1	10	5	8	3
Vanuatu	13	—	9	—	41	1	43	1
Venezuela	4	1	2	1	7	1	9	2
Vietnam	71	195	73	126	202	399	263	608
Wallis and Futuna Islands	1	—	1	—	6	—	5	—
Yemen	35	—	54	—	95	—	155	—
Zimbabwe	24	9	5	3	40	18	50	19
Zone of Coop A-Timor Gap	15	—	20	—	32	—	106	—
Other Countries	35	7	44	6	49	60	115	38
Destination or Origin Unknown	—	16	—	12	—	41	—	59
International Waters	55	—	—	—	69	—	123	—
No Country Details(a)	49	—	53	—	321	—	264	—
Ship and aircraft stores	156	—	142	—	638	—	598	—
Unidentified(b)	—	—	85	—	—	—	85	—
Total trade	23 072	23 049	20 291	22 261	77 125	77 878	85 990	87 204

(a) Exports of Alumina to Bahrain, Egypt and Iceland are excluded from country totals and included in the 'No Country Details' category.

(b) Includes \$15 million of exports for February 1998 and \$70 million for March 1998 which cannot yet be allocated by country.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Major Country Group

Country group	DEC QTR 1997		MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Asia Pacific Economic								
Co-operation (APEC)	17 013	15 597	14 337	15 205	58 000	51 586	63 618	59 092
Australia (Re-imports)	—	92	—	64	—	189	—	314
Brunei(a)	13	1	12	5	68	—	53	5
Canada	366	368	246	349	1 211	1 332	1 165	1 323
Chile	38	33	55	20	198	98	171	88
China	1 063	1 408	836	1 332	3 669	4 051	3 948	5 113
Hong Kong	1 190	277	1 033	235	3 018	892	4 065	1 039
Indonesia(a)	858	791	474	699	3 172	1 752	3 210	2 508
Japan	4 692	3 191	4 190	3 052	15 437	10 178	17 207	11 999
Korea, Republic of	1 631	868	1 188	884	7 258	2 399	6 413	3 265
Malaysia(a)	662	562	401	635	2 225	1 767	2 224	2 295
Mexico	49	48	68	75	132	169	192	221
New Zealand	1 465	988	1 291	854	5 715	3 647	6 104	3 711
Papua New Guinea	310	201	280	193	1 259	1 178	1 203	808
Philippines(a)	352	131	242	84	1 157	280	1 268	393
Singapore(a)	1 051	656	785	659	3 230	2 651	3 736	2 598
Taiwan	1 110	733	951	672	3 456	2 490	4 061	2 762
Thailand(a)	388	409	287	371	1 666	1 132	1 524	1 413
United States of America	1 774	4 841	1 996	5 022	5 131	17 380	7 075	19 236
Association of South East								
Asian Nations (ASEAN)	3 403	2 749	2 283	2 582	11 743	7 991	12 309	9 834
Brunei(a)	13	1	12	5	68	—	53	5
Indonesia(a)	858	791	474	699	3 172	1 752	3 210	2 508
Laos	—	—	1	—	6	—	4	—
Malaysia(a)	662	562	401	635	2 225	1 767	2 224	2 295
Myanmar	8	4	8	4	17	8	27	12
Philippines(a)	352	131	242	84	1 157	280	1 268	393
Singapore(a)	1 051	656	785	659	3 230	2 651	3 736	2 598
Thailand(a)	388	409	287	371	1 666	1 132	1 524	1 413
Vietnam	71	195	73	126	202	399	263	608
European Union (EU)								
European Union (EU)	2 462	5 596	2 484	5 404	8 111	19 480	9 249	21 062
Austria	9	136	7	111	22	427	27	424
Belgium-Luxembourg	245	180	287	185	903	771	965	729
Denmark	10	110	17	89	102	372	62	392
Finland	64	184	89	168	305	552	310	702
France	237	568	192	496	744	1 963	862	1 965
Germany	324	1 314	307	1 283	1 048	4 559	1 156	4 927
Greece	15	21	7	24	44	92	39	89
Ireland	16	207	16	233	49	462	63	777
Italy	544	630	408	653	1 271	2 289	1 720	2 485
Netherlands	176	223	256	203	634	821	726	810
Portugal	13	31	5	29	45	101	33	116
Spain	108	173	123	160	274	468	414	593
Sweden	33	426	30	370	224	1 514	158	1 561
United Kingdom	667	1 393	741	1 399	2 446	5 088	2 713	5 492

(a) Also included in other country groups.

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	Mar Qtr 1997		Dec Qtr 1997		Mar Qtr 1998	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Food and live animals(a)						
Sheep and goats, live (001.21,22)	54	0.3	50	0.2	49	0.2
Meat of bovine animals fresh, chilled or frozen (011.11-22)	493	2.6	722	3.1	591	2.9
Meat of sheep and goats fresh, chilled or frozen (012.11-13)	142	0.7	203	0.9	177	0.9
Milk and cream and milk products other than butter or cheese (022)	270	1.4	310	1.3	273	1.3
Cheese and curd (024)	98	0.5	184	0.8	136	0.7
Crustaceans, molluscs, and aquatic invertebrates (except canned or bottled) (036)	223	1.2	215	0.9	207	1.0
Wheat (including spelt) and meslin, unmilled (041)	1 473	7.7	991	4.3	983	4.8
Rice (042)(a)	85	0.4	124	0.5	98	0.5
Barley, unmilled (043)	343	1.8	142	0.6	112	0.6
Sorghum, unmilled (045.30)	3	—	3	—	12	0.1
Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried or preserved and fruit preparations (including fruit and vegetable juices) (057-059)(a)	136	0.7	127	0.6	137	0.7
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)						
Hides and skins, bovine and equine, raw (211.11-13,20)	43	0.2	62	0.3	46	0.2
Skins, sheep and lamb, with wool on, raw (211.60)	68	0.4	91	0.4	75	0.4
Wood, in chips or particles (246.11,15)	118	0.6	168	0.7	154	0.8
Cotton (other than linters), not carded or combed (263.10)	21	0.1	261	1.1	74	0.4
Wool, greasy (including fleece-washed wool) (268.11,19)	542	2.8	800	3.5	470	2.3
Wool, other, not carded or combed (268.21,29)	192	1.0	223	1.0	207	1.0
Iron ore concentrates and agglomerates (excluding roasted iron pyrites) (281.50, 60)	780	4.1	967	4.2	858	4.2
Copper ores and concentrates (283.10)	139	0.7	233	1.0	179	0.9
Nickel oxide sinters (284.22)	56	0.3	63	0.3	60	0.3
Alumina (aluminium oxide) (285.20)	625	3.3	726	3.1	711	3.5
Uranium and thorium ores and concentrates (286.10,20)	69	0.4	87	0.4	78	0.4
Zinc ores and concentrates (287.50)	109	0.6	153	0.7	136	0.7
Ores and concentrates of molybdenum, niobium, titanium etc. (287.81-85)(a)	104	0.5	145	0.6	147	0.7
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
Coal, whether or not pulverised but not agglomerated (321)	2 021	10.6	2 396	10.4	2 343	11.5
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	456	2.4	539	2.3	378	1.9
Petroleum products (334,335)	532	2.8	532	2.3	461	2.3
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	517	2.7	571	2.5	499	2.5
Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)						
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57,58)(a)	102	0.5	122	0.5	88	0.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
Iron and steel (67)	384	2.0	469	2.0	504	2.5
Copper and copper alloys, unwrought (excluding master alloys) (682.11,12,14)	88	0.5	72	0.3	94	0.5
Nickel and nickel alloys, unwrought (683.11,12)	117	0.6	117	0.5	90	0.4
Aluminium (684)	633	3.3	841	3.6	798	3.9
Lead and lead alloys, unwrought (685.11,12)	75	0.4	104	0.5	69	0.3
Zinc and zinc alloys, unwrought (686.11,12)	93	0.5	120	0.5	89	0.4
Machinery and transport equipment						
Power generating machinery and equipment (71)	204	1.1	282	1.2	212	1.0
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	257	1.3	317	1.4	245	1.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	366	1.9	487	2.1	404	2.0
Cars and other road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles) (78)	446	2.3	534	2.3	356	1.8
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	149	0.8	156	0.7	141	0.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	103	0.5	146	0.6	95	0.5
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC						
Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates) (971)	1 151	6.0	1 431	6.2	1 632	8.0
Total major commodities(a)	13 877	72.7	16 287	70.6	14 468	71.3
Total trade	19 078	100.0	23 072	100.0	20 291	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction.
See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	Mar Qtr 1997		Dec Qtr 1997		Mar Qtr 1998	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Food and live animals						
Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof (03)	152	0.8	193	0.8	184	0.8
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	1 078	5.8	922	4.0	868	3.9
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) (334)	271	1.5	198	0.9	194	0.9
Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)						
Organic chemicals (51)(a)	518	2.8	553	2.4	595	2.7
Inorganic chemicals (52)(a)	172	0.9	158	0.7	178	0.8
Medical and pharmaceutical products (54)	462	2.5	620	2.7	598	2.7
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57, 58)(a)	377	2.0	461	2.0	452	2.0
Chemical materials and products, n.e.s. (59)	239	1.3	293	1.3	275	1.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
Rubber tyres, interchangeable tyre treads, tyre flaps and inner tubes for wheels of all kinds (625)	167	0.9	191	0.8	201	0.9
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (64)	416	2.2	509	2.2	496	2.2
Textile yarn (651)	115	0.6	129	0.6	135	0.6
Woven fabrics of cotton or man-made textile material (excluding narrow or special fabrics) (652, 653)	153	0.8	185	0.8	183	0.8
Clay and refractory construction materials and mineral manufactures, n.e.s. (662, 663)	106	0.6	138	0.6	142	0.6
Glass, glassware and pottery (664, 665, 666)	106	0.6	133	0.6	120	0.5
Iron and steel (67)	337	1.8	405	1.8	430	1.9
Manufactures of base metals n.e.s. (699)	177	1.0	237	1.0	220	1.0
Machinery and transport equipment(a)						
Internal combustion piston engines, and parts thereof n.e.s (713)	211	1.1	254	1.1	271	1.2
Tractors, track-laying and wheeled (722)	140	0.8	132	0.6	155	0.7
Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment (723)	261	1.4	314	1.4	293	1.3
Machinery and equipment specialised for particular industries and parts thereof (728)	314	1.7	298	1.3	217	1.0
Pumps, centrifuges, filtering or purifying apparatus and parts thereof (743)	199	1.1	268	1.2	267	1.2
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof (752)	855	4.6	1 046	4.5	1 047	4.7
Parts and accessories for office and automatic data processing machines (759)	450	2.4	530	2.3	557	2.5
Television and radio broadcast receivers (761, 762)	155	0.8	266	1.2	187	0.8
Telecommunication equipment n.e.s. and parts n.e.s. and accessories (764)	497	2.7	767	3.3	600	2.7
Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits (772)	184	1.0	235	1.0	216	1.0
Household type, electrical and non-electrical equipment n.e.s. (775)(a)	158	0.9	243	1.1	211	0.9
Electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.s. (778)	296	1.6	360	1.6	333	1.5
Passenger motor vehicles (other than public transport type vehicles) including station wagons and racing cars (781)	1 009	5.5	1 540	6.7	1 657	7.4
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (782.11,19)	378	2.0	527	2.3	474	2.1
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles and tractors, track-laying and wheeled (784)	374	2.0	458	2.0	441	2.0
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	241	1.3	406	1.8	330	1.5
Ships, boats (including hovercraft) and floating structures (793)	197	1.1	164	0.7	52	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (84)	530	2.9	526	2.3	682	3.1
Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s. (874)	321	1.7	396	1.7	361	1.6
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	144	0.8	153	0.7	148	0.7
Printed matter (892)	191	1.0	253	1.1	228	1.0
Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (894)	163	0.9	322	1.4	189	0.8
Total major commodities(a)	12 115	65.6	14 781	64.1	14 190	63.7
Total trade	18 482	100.0	23 049	100.0	22 261	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction.
See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—quarterly

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997		MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	4 366	749	4 561	915	3 577	868
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	173	44	155	30	134	40
01 Meat and meat preparations	696	19	1 018	19	844	14
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	424	43	593	55	463	54
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	293	152	305	193	272	184
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	2 027	35	1 373	63	1 321	45
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	265	148	272	180	265	158
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	237	18	564	25	43	21
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	44	125	55	163	38	162
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	136	25	144	34	127	42
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	71	139	81	153	72	148
1 Beverages and tobacco	165	104	257	172	244	125
11 Beverages	152	70	243	136	226	88
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	13	34	14	36	18	37
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	3 546	336	4 721	419	4 036	367
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	122	1	165	1	132	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	60	25	62	27	182	11
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3	32	2	29	2	29
24 Cork and wood	145	94	193	124	165	107
25 Pulp and waste paper	2	28	6	37	3	31
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	909	34	1 457	36	917	33
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	86	37	103	45	105	41
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	2 171	26	2 668	55	2 476	49
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	49	60	65	63	53	66
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(b)	3 532	1 413	4 047	1 201	3 691	1 146
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	2 027	4	2 405	5	2 353	5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	988	1 388	1 071	1 174	839	1 130
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	517	21	571	22	499	11
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)	55	65	81	62	103	63
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	41	3	55	1	69	2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	4	56	13	55	22	56
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	10	6	13	5	12	5
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	728	2 197	831	2 532	759	2 649
51 Organic chemicals(b)	34	518	31	553	34	595
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	77	172	90	158	81	178
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	108	98	115	113	115	111
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	221	462	275	620	268	598
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	67	138	78	190	63	174
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	5	194	5	145	5	266
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	68	204	76	251	55	252
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	34	173	46	210	34	200
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	115	239	114	293	105	275

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997		MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	2 188	2 543	2 732	3 160	2 501	3 110
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	113	40	141	36	119	34
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	32	260	46	307	32	316
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	21	89	33	103	25	117
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)	93	416	100	509	102	496
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	123	516	175	638	118	603
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	144	293	196	363	153	361
67 Iron and steel	384	337	469	405	504	430
68 Non-ferrous metals(b)	1 101	152	1 386	183	1 283	206
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	176	441	187	616	166	547
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	2 227	8 238	2 991	10 773	2 197	9 986
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	204	407	282	518	212	523
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	257	1 006	317	1 081	245	989
73 Metal working machinery	41	143	55	181	36	118
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)	246	1 126	297	1 464	234	1 314
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	366	1 375	487	1 672	404	1 688
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	117	726	321	1 144	195	859
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(b)	282	1 087	334	1 363	262	1 299
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	446	1 912	534	2 773	356	2 798
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	269	456	364	578	253	396
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	639	2 658	882	3 445	714	3 208
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	18	53	26	73	18	73
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	19	109	26	187	20	145
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3	76	4	107	2	76
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	78	530	90	526	80	682
85 Footwear	13	156	14	165	11	199
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	144	463	228	594	191	534
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	140	286	198	379	135	316
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	225	986	295	1 413	255	1 183
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)(d)	1 633	178	1 970	370	2 469	739
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	115	9	155	11	125	10
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	42	1	52	4	45	1
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 151	150	1 431	334	1 632	690
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)(d)	324	19	331	21	668	38
Total trade	19 078	18 482	23 072	23 049	20 291	22 261

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$15 million for February 1998 and \$70 million for March 1998 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	16 015	2 938	16 410	3 309
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	672	99	703	116
01 Meat and meat preparations	2 815	61	3 591	65
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1 759	193	1 871	205
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1 055	596	1 183	662
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	5 986	168	5 335	213
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	1 087	585	1 155	601
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1 665	84	1 529	93
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	193	487	189	617
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	514	110	548	150
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	269	554	305	588
1 Beverages and tobacco	755	509	970	564
11 Beverages	689	346	908	419
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	66	163	63	145
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	15 092	1 457	17 629	1 590
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	508	2	554	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	210	102	376	79
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	11	143	9	125
24 Cork and wood	609	419	703	475
25 Pulp and waste paper	11	133	18	126
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	4 353	157	5 229	148
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	376	134	402	168
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	8 791	145	10 107	221
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	224	223	231	246
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(b)	13 401	5 134	15 124	4 760
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	7 900	14	9 146	15
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	3 699	5 028	3 954	4 661
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1 801	93	2 024	84
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)	236	277	318	269
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	187	7	224	8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	14	246	49	239
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	36	24	45	21
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2 994	8 965	3 249	9 849
51 Organic chemicals(b)	103	2 012	144	2 147
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	326	741	336	641
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	422	405	448	438
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	947	1 951	1 104	2 351
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	295	625	295	712
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	22	712	21	733
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	286	838	303	973
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	151	716	161	780
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	443	963	437	1 074

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	9 274	10 519	10 251	12 098
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	469	158	514	153
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	147	1 105	162	1 199
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	104	322	113	394
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)	367	1 744	425	1 914
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	559	2 276	621	2 471
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	737	1 210	790	1 404
67 Iron and steel	1 556	1 255	1 786	1 560
68 Non-ferrous metals(b)	4 558	609	5 099	746
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	777	1 840	741	2 256
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	9 859	36 343	11 256	40 447
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	876	1 879	1 042	2 069
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1 111	4 141	1 178	4 016
73 Metal working machinery	203	634	217	573
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)	1 196	4 569	1 135	5 228
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1 682	5 824	1 714	6 807
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	610	3 581	1 029	3 901
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(b)	1 319	4 887	1 237	5 296
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1 713	8 405	1 787	10 476
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	1 149	2 422	1 917	2 081
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	2 816	11 014	3 155	12 839
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	83	223	89	280
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	97	501	99	649
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	15	340	13	358
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	339	1 790	377	2 201
85 Footwear	67	610	57	702
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	608	1 890	785	2 210
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	579	1 226	661	1 347
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	1 030	4 435	1 073	5 092
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)(d)	6 682	722	7 629	1 479
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	513	31	527	40
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	124	10	132	9
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	1	—	1	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	4 894	606	5 404	1 335
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)(d)	1 150	75	1 565	95
Total trade	77 125	77 878	85 990	87 204

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$15 million for February 1998 and \$70 million for March 1998 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	49	21	204	78	209	88
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	5	—	2	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	7	—	26	—	31	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	4	—	10	1	12	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	33	2	35	10	105	12
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	—	2	3	6	3	9
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	1	12	14	42	7	44
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	—	—	103	1	38	2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	—	3	4	6	3	8
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	1	—	3	—	5	—
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	—	2	1	13	2	13
1 Beverages and tobacco	—	1	4	4	5	8
11 Beverages	—	—	4	—	5	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	1	—	3	—	8
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	459	8	1 742	34	2 260	34
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	13	—	57	—	41	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	27	1	—	9	58	6
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Cork and wood	—	—	—	1	—	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	176	—	864	—	1 070	1
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	2	7	8	4	10
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	238	1	793	3	1 069	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	6	2	21	13	18	12
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	36	33	235	38	288	72
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	10	—	81	—	89	3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	1	33	28	38	88	69
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	26	—	126	—	111	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	14	2	48	3	45	5
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	8	—	45	—	38	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	6	2	3	3	6	5
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	1	—	1	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	18	49	57	154	85	195
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	16	1	52	2	67
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	11	4	42	9	48
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	9	2	16	5	27	9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	3	6	24	21	20	24
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	—	3	1	8	3	12
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	1	—	2	—	2
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	2	1	7	2	13	2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	2	2	8	5	9
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	1	7	2	13	6	22

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	70	194	190	644	234	794
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	4	1	22	3	21	3
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	—	10	2	27	1	35
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	—	7	2	27	2	32
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	8	8	8	33	26	41
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	3	72	7	267	15	291
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	1	21	5	86	6	94
67 Iron and steel(b)	13	12	58	20	45	36
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	38	9	64	14	101	32
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	2	53	23	166	17	230
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	32	263	140	849	166	1 130
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1	6	4	21	6	24
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	10	5	44	15	28	23
73 Metal working machinery	1	3	3	12	5	15
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	5	24	49	72	36	104
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	4	62	4	161	12	251
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	3	70	5	242	17	301
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	6	84	23	256	30	334
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	—	9	1	68	5	74
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	2	1	6	2	27	3
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	8	745	38	2 204	40	2 727
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	16	2	54	2	74
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	17	1	54	1	90
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	38	—	173	—	196
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4	416	13	955	17	1 194
85 Footwear	—	93	—	286	—	322
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	2	5	6	21	9	26
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	—	14	—	55	3	67
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	1	146	15	607	8	759
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	150	15	1 010	43	616	60
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	2	—	3	—	11	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	—	—	—	—	—	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	148	15	1 007	43	605	59
Total trade	836	1 332	3 669	4 051	3 948	5 113

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—China' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—China' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	635	12	2 866	37	2 936	43
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	4	—	14	—	19	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	327	—	1 186	—	1 418	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	87	—	313	—	352	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	67	6	415	12	457	19
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	34	1	220	4	120	4
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	18	—	131	2	113	2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	8	—	228	1	77	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	7	1	38	4	38	4
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	74	1	283	5	300	3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	8	3	36	9	42	10
1 Beverages and tobacco	14	1	28	24	38	3
11 Beverages	14	—	28	2	38	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	—	1	22	—	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	825	13	3 242	47	3 700	54
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	1	—	24	—	20	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	62	—	140	—	161	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	2	—	10	—	9
24 Cork and wood	155	—	532	—	626	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	82	1	493	5	507	6
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	4	5	27	16	14	19
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	511	2	1 978	6	2 323	6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	9	3	49	10	50	13
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	1 208	4	4 248	10	4 773	12
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	1 052	—	3 597	1	4 095	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	120	4	505	9	496	12
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	35	—	146	—	181	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	8	—	15	—	26	—
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	2	—	8	—	8	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	3	—	—	—	7	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	3	—	7	—	11	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	53	124	196	392	189	467
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	8	35	23	122	18	135
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	15	14	51	24	49	54
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	8	12	30	29	32	39
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	7	12	26	41	31	52
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	2	6	7	7	8
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	1	—	2
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	21	4	63	3	69
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	19	4	64	2	70
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	12	9	52	41	47	39

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	422	304	1 136	1 058	1 627	1 132
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	2	—	11	1	10	2
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	5	101	19	370	27	381
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	5	—	17	—	19	—
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	1	25	6	68	3	93
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	2	23	8	97	12	95
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	22	23	120	88	124	87
67 Iron and steel(b)	8	102	74	301	63	350
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	369	7	854	24	1 346	30
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	8	23	27	107	24	94
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	101	2 355	405	7 724	478	9 332
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	20	52	67	233	93	188
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	6	126	27	479	31	518
73 Metal working machinery(b)	1	26	6	183	4	172
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	10	185	52	664	46	721
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	34	282	131	963	156	1 102
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	5	127	6	516	13	556
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	6	122	26	516	24	506
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	19	1 427	79	4 100	93	5 550
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	2	8	12	72	19	19
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	40	198	145	711	150	837
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	10	4	20	3	24
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	2	9	9	4	7
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	—	3	1	1	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	2	16	6	10	9
85 Footwear	—	—	1	—	1	—
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	15	42	39	170	55	182
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	3	65	16	266	16	254
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	18	77	57	240	59	359
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	884	40	3 156	175	3 291	119
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1	1	32	2	12	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	1	—	12	—	7	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	99	—	343	—	225	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	782	39	2 769	172	3 047	118
Total trade	4 190	3 052	15 437	10 178	17 207	11 999

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—Japan' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—Japan' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	23	6	454	18	292	21
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	—	6	—	5	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	7	—	146	—	143	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	7	—	31	—	43	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	—	2	7	7	4	6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	2	1	8	1	16	4
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	2	—	8	—	7	—
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	2	1	224	1	57	2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	—	—	5	1	6	2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	1	—	6	—	4	—
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	1	13	6	8	7
1 Beverages and tobacco	—	—	2	1	1	1
11 Beverages	—	—	2	—	1	1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	242	2	1 031	8	1 068	8
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	—	—	3	—	3	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3	—	7	—	15	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	1	—	2
24 Cork and wood	2	—	31	—	35	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	1	—	—	—	2	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	23	1	288	7	261	5
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	—	9	—	3	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	211	—	688	—	746	—
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1	—	4	1	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	349	11	1 243	23	1 249	15
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	312	—	1 003	—	1 073	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	37	11	240	21	177	15
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	3	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	4	—	14	—	16	—
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	10	—	4	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	3	—	1	—	10	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	3	—	2	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	16	39	108	154	107	164
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	2	7	3	27	11	35
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	3	13	7	7	8
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	9	2	58	7	55	9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	3	—	9	3	14	3
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	1	—	4	2	6	1
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	1	16	5	56	4	54
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	8	3	37	1	36
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	—	3	12	15	8	18

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	131	163	728	515	654	633
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	1	1	26	5	19	4
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	—	28	2	89	2	98
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	1	—	10	—	7	—
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	—	19	2	61	2	66
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	1	46	14	186	11	216
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	1	5	12	17	11	20
67 Iron and steel(b)	42	43	150	84	159	143
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	84	6	496	16	437	21
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	1	16	15	58	7	65
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	79	422	388	1 460	490	1 839
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	60	3	241	11	333	14
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	2	10	12	45	11	39
73 Metal working machinery	—	3	3	3	10	14
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	7	30	31	75	37	125
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	5	38	51	169	35	190
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	—	68	2	156	2	287
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	2	40	19	140	14	159
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2	229	28	801	43	954
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	—	—	1	60	5	59
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	15	50	110	136	113	149
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	—	1	1	1	1
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	1	2	2	2	4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	6	—	5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	—	8	6	24	8	26
85 Footwear	—	3	—	12	—	13
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	2	2	17	10	17	10
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	11	2	64	7	69	9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	2	33	20	75	17	79
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	331	191	3 180	83	2 423	436
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	—	—	2	—	2	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	1	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	143	173	2 692	2	1 584	333
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	187	18	485	82	836	103
Total trade	1 188	884	7 258	2 399	6 413	3 265

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—Republic of Korea' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

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Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	98	160	468	557	466	581
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	2	31	8	74	11	75
01 Meat and meat preparations	6	5	18	20	23	16
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	7	31	23	108	28	124
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	2	33	6	114	6	119
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	19	8	65	27	93	35
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	15	31	80	125	83	120
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	7	3	113	14	56	14
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	14	2	47	11	53	11
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	9	1	39	4	35	5
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	18	15	70	61	78	62
1 Beverages and tobacco	21	9	72	24	96	36
11 Beverages	19	9	66	23	91	35
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2	—	5	1	5	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	19	80	84	302	75	329
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	5	—	21	1	14	1
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	—	2	—	3	1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	—	7	—	4	—
24 Cork and wood	1	42	5	149	6	174
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	17	—	65	—	71
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	2	10	7	49	7	48
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	3	1	21	2	15	2
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	3	1	11	5	15	6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	9	10	30	12	27
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	100	53	465	339	440	297
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	—	4	1	9	1	6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	100	48	462	323	438	283
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	1	1	6	1	7
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	2	—	7	5	7	2
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	3	1	1	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	1	—	1	2	2	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	—	3	1	4	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	151	63	680	290	712	290
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	5	2	24	6	24	10
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	7	2	29	4	30	7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	11	2	49	13	54	11
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	55	5	240	21	267	24
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	27	19	120	109	122	84
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	1	—	3	3	3	2
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	16	6	71	21	72	23
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	11	11	54	40	53	49
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	19	16	89	74	87	81

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	207	215	891	892	889	884
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(b)	2	10	13	64	10	49
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	6	12	30	45	28	44
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	4	19	14	72	17	76
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	54	65	173	239	207	218
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	24	32	129	155	124	150
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	21	2	91	11	95	9
67 Iron and steel(b)	26	21	132	71	111	88
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	35	29	153	112	151	126
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	34	26	156	124	146	124
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	380	133	1 877	574	2 136	608
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	20	1	66	5	88	8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	26	18	151	57	120	65
73 Metal working machinery	6	1	25	12	26	4
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	37	36	177	177	158	165
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	100	4	422	14	438	18
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	15	6	82	31	76	32
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	62	58	307	235	290	254
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	91	6	498	21	332	29
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	23	4	149	20	607	33
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	186	97	805	421	819	450
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	6	2	29	9	27	10
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	6	10	28	51	33	51
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	1	5	5	5	4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	41	30	157	118	155	129
85 Footwear	6	6	30	30	27	30
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	27	6	106	21	118	26
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	20	1	87	2	96	3
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	79	40	363	186	358	196
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	127	43	366	243	464	233
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	36	—	102	—	139	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	4	36	12	202	14	197
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	87	6	251	40	311	34
Total trade	1 291	854	5 715	3 647	6 104	3 711

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	84	24	395	74	369	87
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	7	—	6	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	12	—	40	—	51	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	22	—	114	—	101	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	8	4	37	13	41	12
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	1	14	5	9	5
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	33	—	108	2	114	1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1	—	45	—	20	—
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2	14	12	34	10	49
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	1	1	6	2	5	3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	3	3	13	19	13	17
1 Beverages and tobacco	6	—	16	2	21	2
11 Beverages	3	—	16	1	14	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3	—	—	—	7	—
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	3	3	14	16	16	12
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	—	—	1	—	2	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	4	—	5
24 Cork and wood	—	—	1	1	2	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	1	—	1	—	2	—
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	1	3	1	4	1
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	1	—	1	7	2	1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1	—	6	2	4	2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	59	67	313	459	416	322
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	—	—	—	—	—	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	59	67	313	455	416	322
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	4	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	2	1	12	4	11
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	—	—	2	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	2	—	11	1	9
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	1	2	1	2
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	32	47	142	168	143	187
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	16	3	67	2	75
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	1	9	3	6	3
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	7	2	33	5	26	6
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	11	4	41	8	52	15
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	4	3	15	13	15	15
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	2	11	17	36	16	37
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	3	2	10	9	12	6
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	9	13	26	14	29

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	88	20	400	79	368	90
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	1	—	9	—	9	1
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	2	2	12	7	8	8
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	1	—	4	1	5	1
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	5	4	24	18	21	19
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	3	2	20	8	20	9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	5	1	36	6	28	5
67 Iron and steel(b)	30	4	79	12	99	15
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	34	1	121	2	122	3
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	9	6	93	27	56	29
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	123	383	787	1 543	637	1 547
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	7	2	36	8	26	8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	11	5	81	197	73	24
73 Metal working machinery	1	—	10	3	8	3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	18	13	113	48	111	47
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35	284	266	976	163	1 118
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	10	29	25	134	53	147
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	20	46	97	165	91	186
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	5	1	36	5	34	4
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	16	4	123	8	78	9
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	39	61	194	156	230	195
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	2	—	6	2	9	1
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	1	13	3	9	4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	—	1	1	1	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1	1	10	2	8	3
85 Footwear	—	—	1	1	1	1
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	10	14	25	50	47	51
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	14	3	81	11	100	9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	9	43	57	87	56	126
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	351	52	968	141	1 531	145
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	4	—	16	—	16	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	5	—	3	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	325	30	885	—	1 397	59
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	21	22	63	141	115	86
Total trade	785	659	3 230	2 651	3 736	2 598

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	121	9	533	31	557	34
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	—	1	—	—	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	31	—	89	—	172	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	18	—	84	—	81	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	51	4	215	18	190	18
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	3	1	26	2	10	3
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	8	1	21	3	28	3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	2	—	55	1	38	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	1	—	8	—	7	—
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	4	3	26	3	18	4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	3	1	8	4	12	4
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	7	5	14	10	16
11 Beverages	1	—	5	—	10	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	7	—	14	—	16
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	120	5	520	24	623	24
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	1	—	3	—	7	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	1	—	1	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	1	—	2
24 Cork and wood	—	—	5	1	9	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	49	3	267	17	247	15
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	3	—	3	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	67	—	233	2	350	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1	1	8	4	6	3
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	267	—	901	16	1 091	6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	182	—	568	—	768	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	86	—	334	16	323	6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	8	—	30	1	34	1
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	6	—	25	—	27	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	2	—	5	1	7	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	31	45	116	147	118	172
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	7	1	18	3	23
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	3	2	9	9	11	7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	4	1	15	5	16	5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	16	2	43	4	50	6
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	3	7	13	20	12	24
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	1	—	1	—	2
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	2	8	17	24	15	31
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	17	5	60	4	67
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	1	2	12	5	7	6

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	188	166	802	557	836	662
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	4	1	45	4	26	5
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	1	10	4	39	4	45
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	3	1	10	9	14	7
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	3	8	7	31	12	33
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	2	50	10	192	11	194
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	11	14	36	15	43
67 Iron and steel(b)	37	20	194	44	181	74
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	134	2	505	7	563	9
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	1	61	14	194	8	253
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	45	345	149	1 244	191	1 403
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	8	8	14	32	37	31
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	3	12	10	52	10	59
73 Metal working machinery	1	11	2	32	2	38
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	4	31	25	97	20	124
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	18	188	64	663	72	739
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	—	21	2	86	4	87
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	4	51	23	199	21	225
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	7	22	9	78	25	90
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	—	2	1	4	1	9
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	19	85	51	391	80	406
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	7	1	21	1	28
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	10	2	49	2	54
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	2	—	8	—	9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	—	10	1	28	1	31
85 Footwear	—	2	—	7	—	9
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	5	5	9	21	12	23
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	10	9	23	35	46	42
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	4	41	16	221	19	211
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	152	9	348	65	520	37
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	6	—	22	—	24	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	2	—	12	—	8	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	65	—	14	—	135	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	78	9	300	65	352	37
Total trade	951	672	3 456	2 490	4 061	2 762

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	37	25	182	103	199	118
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	6	—	5	—	14
01 Meat and meat preparations	22	—	102	—	106	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1	—	25	2	26	2
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	—	1	1	6	—	6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	2	2	2	17	6	14
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	10	1	36	5	44	5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	2	1	12	8	8	11
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	—	6	1	36	1	32
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	—	—	2	3	6	4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	—	7	2	22	2	29
1 Beverages and tobacco	79	22	263	107	340	115
11 Beverages	79	21	263	103	340	112
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	1	—	4	—	4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	85	9	294	50	320	38
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	1	—	4	—	5	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	—	1	—	2	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	3	—	4
24 Cork and wood	1	—	9	1	5	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	23	4	112	24	105	17
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	1	3	5	3	4
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	57	—	161	10	193	4
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	2	4	8	6	8
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	85	1	256	7	295	5
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	85	—	255	—	280	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	1	—	7	—	5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	2	—	15	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	—	2	2	4	2
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	1	1	3	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	1	1	1
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	—	—	—	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	35	339	142	1 040	140	1 225
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	92	—	250	1	246
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	8	4	41	8	30
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	2	12	1	37	4	46
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	27	158	111	447	104	611
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	19	8	69	7	85
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	2	—	19	—	12
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	12	1	40	—	49
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	15	9	55	9	61
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	20	7	81	7	84

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	102	164	242	535	337	655
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(b)	—	1	1	6	1	6
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	5	14	18	54	21	57
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	1	1	2	2	2	3
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	3	19	1	61	4	73
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	9	25	35	97	40	99
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	24	9	84	17	98
67 Iron and steel(b)	3	27	3	81	5	109
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	73	13	155	31	230	59
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	5	40	17	119	17	152
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	94	597	532	2 330	446	2 338
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	9	70	36	266	39	254
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(b)	10	69	30	284	37	322
73 Metal working machinery	2	6	11	35	13	26
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	23	89	88	271	85	373
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	14	44	62	202	54	209
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	7	77	18	361	21	303
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	11	87	51	261	53	310
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	4	122	17	440	15	422
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	13	32	219	210	130	119
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	29	231	125	840	128	931
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	4	2	11	1	14
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	7	3	16	4	21
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	2	—	4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	8	11	24	11	28
85 Footwear	—	6	2	16	3	20
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	10	51	33	181	40	200
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	3	12	21	41	11	45
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	14	144	54	548	59	599
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	194	12	408	75	504	65
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	2	1	7	5	5	5
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	1	1	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	80	—	1	—	97	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	112	11	400	69	400	59
Total trade	741	1 399	2 446	5 088	2 713	5 492

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	246	112	781	293	976	367
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	2	2	11	3	11
01 Meat and meat preparations	185	2	470	1	703	7
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	11	1	35	5	37	4
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	31	15	47	38	88	37
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	6	4	13	4	25
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	8	36	46	108	70	113
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1	3	156	16	47	13
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	—	11	2	25	3	35
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	4	16	13	25	16	57
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	3	19	5	51	6	63
1 Beverages and tobacco	57	22	110	89	185	97
11 Beverages	57	15	110	56	185	65
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	7	—	33	—	32
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	84	62	242	303	307	286
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	—	—	2	—	—	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	10	6	3	85	19	58
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	6	—	20	—	21
24 Cork and wood	3	12	5	65	8	58
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	6	—	15	—	19
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	44	5	147	22	171	21
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	5	8	14	30	14	32
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	14	1	42	11	67	9
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	7	19	30	55	28	68
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	136	62	315	202	554	221
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	1	—	6	—	4	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	135	61	308	202	550	219
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	1	—	2
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	1	5	7	4	5
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	1	1	1	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	3	1	1
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	1	4	3	2	3
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	59	715	174	2 287	222	2 525
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	116	1	420	1	425
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	28	19	212	19	127
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	6	24	8	90	24	99
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	17	102	36	279	62	352
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	4	55	12	177	14	228
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	158	—	330	—	397
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	56	2	202	2	232
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	61	5	220	5	228
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	29	114	92	358	94	438

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	244	428	454	1 392	661	1 668
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	11	1	43	3	43	6
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	4	45	5	161	19	180
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	3	11	8	21	11	32
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	—	89	4	310	4	358
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	14	64	42	221	50	254
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	22	36	76	110	72	143
67 Iron and steel(b)	118	31	196	106	288	117
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	54	33	35	67	114	110
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	17	118	46	393	62	468
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	417	2 499	1 531	9 828	1 964	10 332
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	42	227	68	782	134	933
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(b)	42	362	143	1 443	150	1 450
73 Metal working machinery	9	24	40	83	66	100
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	33	378	103	1 325	116	1 528
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	93	496	320	1 704	354	1 961
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	18	123	32	475	74	624
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	29	275	142	1 294	132	1 182
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	62	353	451	1 221	530	1 200
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	89	260	232	1 501	406	1 354
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	103	754	326	2 651	405	3 060
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	7	2	28	2	25
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	2	12	9	36	11	49
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	2	1	11	2	10
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7	16	41	55	36	63
85 Footwear	1	4	12	12	9	16
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	43	264	128	872	166	1 054
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	8	108	26	399	37	450
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	41	342	108	1 237	143	1 394
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	649	367	1 194	327	1 798	676
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	6	17	16	12	22
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	5	—	18	1	18	1
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	312	247	3	1	323	248
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	328	114	1 154	309	1 443	406
Total trade	1 996	5 022	5 131	17 380	7 075	19 236

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	1 762	541	8 635	1 758	8 367	2 022
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	36	34	422	86	404	100
01 Meat and meat preparations	657	13	2 319	55	2 930	58
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	326	34	1 330	116	1 352	132
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	270	146	1 027	467	1 161	519
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	88	30	463	96	377	136
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	159	101	740	365	759	367
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	26	10	1 495	45	503	44
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	31	75	167	214	162	284
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	106	38	443	84	458	122
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	63	61	229	230	260	261
1 Beverages and tobacco	117	47	317	185	439	188
11 Beverages	110	29	299	95	415	121
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7	18	17	90	24	67
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	1 956	268	8 024	1 123	9 350	1 187
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	24	—	125	1	100	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	114	9	158	99	271	72
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	2	22	10	117	8	101
24 Cork and wood	163	99	590	393	690	444
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	29	10	126	18	122
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	497	25	2 863	115	3 208	111
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	23	19	106	71	82	77
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	1 097	21	4 008	52	4 823	97
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	34	43	154	150	151	160
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	2 338	749	8 571	2 921	9 761	2 817
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	1 636	4	5 486	12	6 295	11
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	641	738	2 779	2 870	3 111	2 770
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	61	7	307	40	356	36
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	48	41	137	126	169	134
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	19	2	99	4	88	4
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	21	34	11	105	46	115
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	9	4	28	18	35	15
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	561	1 239	2 316	4 047	2 497	4 526
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	23	217	84	756	97	836
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	49	78	182	336	198	316
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	83	54	352	186	377	209
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	184	142	669	424	792	518
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	55	99	253	360	256	407
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	4	196	17	494	19	517
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	44	142	247	433	255	518
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	26	134	122	479	129	518
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	92	176	389	578	376	687

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	1 859	1 832	7 234	6 303	7 884	7 274
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(b)	33	17	225	92	184	81
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	22	233	103	809	117	875
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	21	68	90	216	99	259
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	91	270	345	945	397	1 032
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	73	379	334	1 487	382	1 589
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	104	154	507	540	494	642
67 Iron and steel(b)	403	255	1 416	698	1 564	932
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	984	119	3 569	334	4 071	423
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	128	336	645	1 181	575	1 441
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	1 550	7 241	7 423	25 812	8 291	29 460
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	187	333	711	1 189	888	1 335
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(b)	164	576	821	2 431	771	2 352
73 Metal working machinery(b)	25	68	148	336	158	355
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	166	795	902	2 688	829	3 168
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	342	1 559	1 480	5 318	1 464	6 203
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	107	607	299	2 334	534	2 726
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	193	870	1 051	3 348	940	3 615
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	209	2 123	1 318	6 421	1 235	8 147
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	158	311	693	1 748	1 472	1 560
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	552	2 298	2 223	7 760	2 471	9 161
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	14	50	63	148	64	189
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	15	93	78	346	82	457
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	51	12	235	11	257
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	66	548	279	1 365	285	1 690
85 Footwear	8	127	54	414	44	471
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	125	367	408	1 231	525	1 496
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	121	226	505	893	601	983
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	202	835	824	3 127	859	3 619
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	3 593	950	13 121	1 549	14 389	2 322
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	90	8	397	21	400	27
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	16	1	58	8	48	8
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	1	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 277	675	4 640	531	4 725	1 266
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	2 209	267	8 025	990	9 215	1 020
Total trade	14 337	15 205	58 000	51 586	63 618	59 092

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	364	175	2 248	592	2 003	707
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	24	—	363	—	323	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	35	—	204	1	226	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	166	—	719	—	696	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	10	75	59	247	59	291
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	35	11	131	38	135	46
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	66	19	289	71	300	81
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	3	1	344	6	115	6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	5	45	42	128	33	173
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	9	9	58	39	63	38
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	13	14	38	63	53	70
1 Beverages and tobacco	8	2	36	6	36	8
11 Beverages	5	1	34	2	27	3
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3	1	2	4	8	6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	132	51	857	242	1 023	228
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	2	—	10	—	8	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	2	—	3	1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	13	2	81	3	65
24 Cork and wood	1	22	9	101	5	101
25 Pulp and waste paper	2	2	9	4	15	8
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	80	2	614	8	769	9
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	8	2	22	3	27	5
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	35	3	175	19	180	18
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	6	16	26	14	23
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	141	551	779	1 792	1 000	2 108
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	26	—	79	—	101	1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	115	545	668	1 762	837	2 080
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	6	33	30	63	27
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	11	35	11	106	25	116
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	2	—	6	—	5	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	8	31	2	93	14	106
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	3	4	13	6	10
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	128	136	641	397	657	508
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	7	31	25	98	33	130
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	9	9	42	13	38	37
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	24	6	139	21	128	21
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	45	6	182	19	208	27
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	11	8	61	27	57	36
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	1	11	3	69	7	52
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	9	33	74	56	72	95
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	6	13	25	40	31	47
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	15	18	90	53	84	62

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	383	264	2 132	807	2 035	1 042
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	5	3	35	9	26	11
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	3	22	25	68	24	78
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	2	28	25	82	18	105
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	11	50	75	123	69	178
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	13	68	71	251	83	266
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	15	33	102	110	84	129
67 Iron and steel(b)	88	15	443	56	486	93
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	203	23	1 110	24	1 039	46
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	44	22	245	84	205	135
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	299	920	2 040	3 042	1 835	3 648
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	14	6	112	21	86	17
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	46	9	293	209	292	40
73 Metal working machinery	4	1	56	6	35	4
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	46	72	343	190	307	282
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	45	433	325	1 398	222	1 714
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	32	161	129	702	198	690
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	51	183	382	440	264	709
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	20	50	178	67	129	174
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	41	5	223	9	302	16
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	89	247	389	783	479	973
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	5	3	17	11	24	13
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	3	39	22	141	19	196
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	4	1	18	1	20
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3	48	18	133	18	179
85 Footwear	—	22	2	82	2	89
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	21	24	62	65	97	84
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	33	7	132	35	184	32
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	23	100	134	299	135	360
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	729	203	2 611	223	3 216	495
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	10	—	66	—	53	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	6	—	3	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	362	150	1 259	2	1 587	275
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	357	53	1 279	221	1 573	220
Total trade	2 283	2 582	11 743	7 991	12 309	9 834

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—ASEAN member countries' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—ASEAN member countries' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Developing Countries (DCs)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	1 144	319	5 341	1 125	5 144	1 279
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	118	—	639	5	656	14
01 Meat and meat preparations	179	1	699	2	900	2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	329	1	1 286	5	1 325	5
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	171	105	563	355	612	396
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	76	19	268	61	272	80
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	179	62	652	264	724	265
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	20	5	891	20	300	22
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	14	80	97	242	84	303
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	22	20	118	60	119	66
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	36	26	129	111	152	126
1 Beverages and tobacco	26	24	120	82	131	103
11 Beverages	17	6	95	24	97	32
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	8	17	26	59	34	71
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	1 242	119	4 994	474	6 079	527
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	61	—	188	1	205	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	67	4	51	15	140	16
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	14	3	84	4	70
24 Cork and wood	3	26	53	113	52	114
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	3	10	7	18	11
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	466	8	2 476	36	2 968	35
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	11	21	52	55	45	81
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	612	29	2 077	98	2 562	138
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	18	14	84	65	85	62
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	1 272	887	4 905	3 659	5 532	3 600
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	933	—	3 090	—	3 546	4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	313	877	1 654	3 574	1 799	3 521
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	26	10	161	85	186	75
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	76	45	179	156	242	158
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	53	1	151	3	184	5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	17	40	12	139	37	142
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	6	3	16	14	21	11
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	327	398	1 357	1 233	1 525	1 482
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	11	81	40	285	62	343
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	33	50	98	122	123	185
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	65	18	292	60	294	70
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	114	23	386	72	470	86
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	25	24	117	74	118	93
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	2	60	8	173	10	189
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	34	60	200	156	214	194
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	15	46	63	178	76	191
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	28	35	153	112	157	131

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	1 070	1 043	5 043	3 448	5 069	4 174
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(b)	25	15	173	55	146	61
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	8	78	55	252	52	289
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	11	41	56	129	58	159
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	37	97	161	310	179	373
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	53	345	279	1 289	312	1 428
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	40	124	233	416	223	484
67 Iron and steel(b)	254	108	1 016	279	1 133	424
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	564	50	2 667	130	2 598	157
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	78	184	402	590	368	799
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	808	2 186	3 979	7 411	4 401	9 032
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	97	33	470	122	549	135
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(b)	105	50	530	363	573	205
73 Metal working machinery(b)	11	19	97	65	76	84
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	94	189	593	519	554	755
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	113	772	616	2 593	527	3 078
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	78	350	213	1 277	397	1 492
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	104	433	648	1 314	546	1 755
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	151	326	455	1 050	628	1 335
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	54	14	356	108	551	192
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	252	1 354	1 048	4 323	1 225	5 229
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	9	31	35	94	47	132
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	7	73	41	269	41	368
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	54	4	249	4	274
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	22	584	78	1 457	116	1 824
85 Footwear	1	139	9	445	7	508
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	46	46	162	162	214	182
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	94	52	400	226	470	270
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	72	373	318	1 422	327	1 670
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	2 575	476	10 557	690	11 264	1 263
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	46	—	186	1	196	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	24	—	28	—	42	2
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	888	338	4 276	77	4 234	676
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	1 618	138	6 068	612	6 792	583
Total trade	8 792	6 850	37 523	22 602	40 612	26 848

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—European Union (EU)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	138	195	431	494	493	677
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	8	6	—	5	10	16
01 Meat and meat preparations	49	1	203	5	208	5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	15	16	47	66	68	61
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1	7	21	29	16	31
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	27	11	10	60	35	61
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	32	25	113	75	112	91
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	4	8	22	30	23	37
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	1	37	3	136	4	150
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	2	1	9	7	14	7
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	82	4	81	4	217
1 Beverages and tobacco	103	66	344	268	432	311
11 Beverages	98	55	331	231	422	275
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5	11	13	37	10	37
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	673	48	2 311	154	2 755	156
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	25	—	108	1	127	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	41	—	9	—	49	1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	6	—	20	—	19
24 Cork and wood	2	4	13	15	10	17
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	1	—	6	—	2
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	314	6	1 198	35	1 526	29
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	12	4	45	14	49	15
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	266	9	897	15	951	15
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	11	17	41	49	43	58
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	263	6	994	16	1 120	18
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	262	1	969	2	1 094	2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	1	5	17	15	2	16
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	8	—	25	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	13	3	97	6	90
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	2	1	3	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	11	—	91	1	84
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	1	1	5	2	5
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	102	1 007	369	3 343	365	3 774
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	4	275	3	822	16	879
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	12	27	102	122	76	108
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	23	40	36	160	35	166
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	50	382	168	1 242	179	1 533
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	3	68	22	239	19	273
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	25	—	58	—	69
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	1	52	2	201	2	219
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	5	55	16	193	16	217
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	5	83	20	305	20	311

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR QTR 1998	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	324	896	686	2 859	954	3 339
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(b)	71	5	195	27	280	25
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	6	72	28	256	25	280
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	2	45	7	95	6	119
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	5	187	2	604	8	713
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	16	97	66	371	75	390
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	10	151	53	499	44	555
67 Iron and steel(b)	63	117	38	317	95	407
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	138	56	249	174	368	213
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	13	164	47	516	53	636
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	270	2 419	1 134	9 444	1 116	9 647
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	12	176	101	646	88	674
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(b)	25	369	82	1 591	112	1 482
73 Metal working machinery	6	41	25	261	32	183
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	35	457	165	1 668	148	1 822
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	48	120	123	475	169	557
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(b)	21	223	94	1 084	77	1 048
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	30	348	125	1 204	121	1 323
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	17	624	79	1 923	82	2 187
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	76	61	340	593	285	372
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	81	675	321	2 454	339	2 699
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	19	7	68	5	73
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	2	45	6	126	6	161
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	18	1	72	1	65
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5	46	35	146	49	165
85 Footwear	1	49	3	121	4	144
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	39	150	125	572	138	633
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	6	56	34	240	26	236
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	27	292	110	1 109	110	1 222
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	529	81	1 518	350	1 669	351
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	4	2	14	8	12	11
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	11	—	44	1	45	1
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	80	—	11	2	99	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	433	79	1 448	338	1 513	338
Total trade	2 484	5 404	8 111	19 480	9 249	21 062

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(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—EU member states' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS, By State(a)

State	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997	March quarter 1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Australian produce	18 207	20 077	20 502	22 013	19 310
New South Wales	4 236	4 714	5 191	5 287	4 368
Victoria	3 892	4 663	3 820	4 470	3 813
Queensland	2 884	3 540	4 229	4 176	3 462
South Australia	1 398	1 191	1 210	1 299	1 206
Western Australia	5 065	5 007	5 181	5 931	5 573
Tasmania	388	523	421	497	457
Northern Territory	271	366	356	302	286
Australian Capital Territory	2	4	1	2	8
State not available for publication(b)	71	69	93	49	138
Re-exports	871	1 030	1 019	1 059	981
Total trade	19 078	21 106	21 521	23 072	20 291

(a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

(b) Includes \$15 million of exports for February 1998 and \$70 million for March 1998 which cannot yet be allocated to commodity classification codes. These shipments will be appropriately classified as more details become available.

IMPORTS, By State(a)

	<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>June quarter 1997</i>	<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>March quarter 1998</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
New South Wales	7 836	8 915	9 449	9 911	9 195
Victoria	5 777	6 254	6 962	7 294	7 189
Queensland	2 132	2 118	2 378	2 445	2 436
South Australia	862	827	1 026	935	990
Western Australia	1 653	1 745	1 781	2 195	2 184
Tasmania	114	97	94	93	102
Northern Territory	106	111	127	175	164
Australian Capital Territory	2	6	4	2	2
Total trade	18 482	20 073	21 821	23 049	22 261

(a) State in which the goods were released from Customs control. See paragraph 27 of the Explanatory Notes for further details.

EXPORTS, By Industry of Origin (ANZSIC)

Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997	March quarter 1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 969	3 003	2 701	2 771	2 331
01 Agriculture	2 752	2 314	1 969	2 314	2 059
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	35	531	513	280	96
03 Forestry and logging	19	17	18	17	7
04 Commercial fishing	163	142	202	160	168
B Mining	4 460	4 819	5 110	5 344	5 221
11 Coal mining	2 021	2 059	2 307	2 399	2 343
12 Oil and gas extraction	972	1 019	1 079	1 110	877
13 Metal ore mining	1 421	1 695	1 679	1 786	1 953
14 Other mining	45	46	45	49	49
C Manufacturing	11 196	12 861	13 273	14 441	11 928
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	2 469	2 732	3 242	3 563	2 562
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	674	760	809	812	701
23 Wood and paper products	238	288	301	307	283
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	96	101	113	122	115
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	1 345	1 365	1 431	1 493	1 331
26 Non-metallic mineral products	86	95	99	100	80
27 Metal products	3 561	3 775	3 815	4 373	4 113
28 Machinery and equipment	2 548	3 588	3 248	3 460	2 568
29 Other manufacturing	178	157	216	211	175
Other industries(a)(b)	453	424	437	516	811
Total trade	19 078	21 106	21 521	23 072	20 291

(a) Includes \$15 million of exports for February 1998 and \$70 million for March 1998 which cannot yet be allocated by industry of origin.

(b) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

IMPORTS, By Industry of Origin (ANZSIC)

Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997	March quarter 1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	210	184	199	216	230
01 Agriculture	189	158	175	189	203
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	2	4	4	2	1
03 Forestry and logging	1	1	2	1	1
04 Commercial fishing	19	21	19	24	25
B Mining	1 157	1 011	979	1 034	953
11 Coal mining	4	1	2	4	5
12 Oil and gas extraction	1 100	924	890	944	880
13 Metal ore mining	17	50	41	46	29
14 Other mining	36	35	46	41	40
C Manufacturing	17 044	18 809	20 551	21 715	20 976
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	807	793	956	1 037	914
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	1 324	1 243	1 600	1 477	1 598
23 Wood and paper products	587	606	683	726	713
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	348	413	466	515	421
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	3 024	3 159	3 262	3 425	3 521
26 Non-metallic mineral products	233	249	278	295	284
27 Metal products	1 225	1 271	1 468	1 665	2 013
28 Machinery and equipment	9 067	10 554	11 125	11 872	10 958
29 Other manufacturing	430	522	712	705	556
Other industries(a)	70	69	92	83	102
Total trade	18 482	20 073	21 821	23 049	22 261

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

EXPORTS, By Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Broad Economic Categories	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997	March quarter 1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and beverages	4 447	4 258	4 316	4 723	3 858
<i>Primary</i>	2 449	2 082	1 651	1 791	1 785
Mainly for industry	2 056	1 609	1 182	1 360	1 416
Mainly for household consumption	393	473	468	432	369
<i>Processed</i>	1 997	2 175	2 665	2 931	2 073
Mainly for industry	448	396	858	760	260
Mainly for household consumption	1 550	1 779	1 807	2 171	1 813
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	7 603	8 736	9 051	9 739	8 821
Primary	2 728	3 541	3 707	3 818	3 022
Processed	4 875	5 195	5 343	5 921	5 800
Fuels and lubricants	3 519	3 519	3 848	4 036	3 673
Primary	2 477	2 596	2 911	2 936	2 720
<i>Processed</i>	1 042	923	937	1 100	952
Motor spirit	83	73	80	94	73
Other	958	850	857	1 005	879
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	1 485	1 812	1 985	2 101	1 599
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	631	826	946	1 041	768
Parts and accessories	853	986	1 039	1 060	832
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	873	1 099	1 040	1 096	783
Passenger motor cars	286	236	226	350	212
<i>Other</i>	169	353	247	224	139
Industrial	153	309	213	202	123
Non-industrial	16	44	34	22	16
Parts and accessories	418	510	567	522	431
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	661	767	832	834	709
Durable	117	139	139	160	127
Semi-durable	188	228	248	238	199
Non-durable	356	400	445	436	383
Goods not elsewhere specified(a)(b)	491	916	449	543	848
Total trade	19 078	21 106	21 521	23 072	20 291

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes \$15 million of exports for February 1998 and \$70 million for March 1998 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

IMPORTS, By Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Broad Economic Categories	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997	March quarter 1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and beverages	859	811	987	1 091	972
<i>Primary</i>	218	200	221	270	247
Mainly for industry	80	77	88	85	94
Mainly for household consumption	138	123	133	184	153
<i>Processed</i>	642	611	765	821	725
Mainly for industry	92	74	103	94	93
Mainly for household consumption	550	537	662	728	632
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	4 693	4 938	5 360	5 709	6 166
Primary	193	227	239	237	228
Processed	4 501	4 711	5 121	5 472	5 938
Fuels and lubricants	1 385	1 188	1 145	1 161	1 094
Primary	1 083	900	866	926	874
<i>Processed</i>	302	288	278	235	220
Motor spirit	78	60	22	6	37
Other	224	228	257	229	183
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	5 692	6 480	6 643	7 049	6 480
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	3 701	4 317	4 440	4 671	4 254
Parts and accessories	1 991	2 164	2 203	2 378	2 226
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	2 811	3 372	3 626	3 849	3 767
Passenger motor cars	1 009	1 207	1 553	1 540	1 657
<i>Other</i>	770	981	748	1 026	801
Industrial	667	876	609	837	647
Non-industrial	102	104	139	189	154
Parts and accessories	1 033	1 183	1 325	1 282	1 308
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	2 962	3 207	3 988	4 110	3 676
Durable	748	890	1 042	1 180	934
Semi-durable	1 248	1 232	1 629	1 609	1 515
Non-durable	966	1 085	1 316	1 321	1 227
Goods not elsewhere specified(a)	79	77	73	80	105
Total trade	18 482	20 073	21 821	23 049	22 261

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c)

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(d)	8 086	8 018	8 033	8 523	9 884	9 252
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	279	319	302	297	193	160
01 Meat and meat preparations	1 701	2 249	2 522	2 275	2 942	3 180
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	437	467	515	596	709	721
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	485	600	703	611	674	720
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(d)	3 929	2 793	2 308	2 828	3 301	2 438
05 Vegetables and fruit	372	551	591	537	536	628
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	650	716	715	935	1 103	948
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	57	65	62	68	68	88
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	148	210	240	278	257	257
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	29	48	76	98	100	113
1 Beverages and tobacco	85	151	258	247	242	310
11 Beverages	70	133	234	226	225	289
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	15	19	24	21	17	21
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	9 009	9 897	12 227	14 135	13 537	13 398
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	395	542	680	495	575	413
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	51	40	32	70	50	48
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	4	6	7	16	8	9
24 Cork and wood	265	361	404	430	396	437
25 Pulp and waste paper	15	28	32	36	25	28
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	3 207	3 870	5 507	6 274	4 739	3 745
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	153	103	177	232	222	263
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(d)	4 848	4 850	5 274	6 456	7 375	8 296
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	70	97	114	126	148	159
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7 977	7 309	6 882	6 434	8 419	10 706
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	5 240	5 456	4 706	4 805	5 933	6 481
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	2 276	1 622	1 919	1 468	1 996	3 220
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	461	231	257	161	489	1 006
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	142	124	141	124	118	138
41 Animal oils and fats	116	90	119	103	106	118
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	14	23	13	11	2	4
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	12	11	9	10	11	16
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	593	665	903	1 076	1 261	1 377
51 Organic chemicals	54	51	101	93	89	113
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	59	66	71	91	164	201
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	30	35	85	148	262	186
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(d)	147	166	206	235	270	321
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	59	57	78	94	89	124
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)	2	5	7	8	10	19
57 Plastics in primary forms	8	5	79	151	134	161
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	133	137	102	60	66	77
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	102	142	174	196	177	175

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(d)	9 716	11 679	12 967	12 565	15 272	16 311
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	209	247	323	452	660	706
01 Meat and meat preparations	3 436	3 744	4 044	3 661	3 296	2 958
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	815	1 102	1 287	1 413	1 673	1 759
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	832	952	1 115	1 144	1 114	1 087
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(d)	2 353	2 953	3 206	2 522	4 929	5 954
05 Vegetables and fruit(d)	728	872	932	873	1 008	1 146
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	747	1 074	1 316	1 729	1 710	1 695
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	97	125	166	174	193	191
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(d)	356	467	385	387	458	531
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	145	144	194	209	231	283
1 Beverages and tobacco	366	417	506	551	648	782
11 Beverages	346	385	474	508	605	715
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	21	32	32	44	43	67
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	13 617	13 112	12 917	14 073	14 752	15 614
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	362	388	392	487	504	505
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	63	80	121	110	206	200
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	9	11	10	12	11	10
24 Cork and wood	444	465	519	627	624	618
25 Pulp and waste paper	7	12	16	44	27	13
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	4 614	4 017	3 977	4 595	4 065	4 619
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(d)	297	369	358	367	426	377
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(d)	7 639	7 572	7 315	7 604	8 666	9 051
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	181	197	208	226	223	220
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10 878	12 102	11 116	11 242	12 591	13 705
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	6 948	7 623	7 255	6 938	7 840	8 005
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	2 912	3 244	2 676	2 949	3 188	3 805
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1 017	1 236	1 185	1 355	1 562	1 895
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	136	192	207	263	238	232
41 Animal oils and fats	115	156	170	220	197	184
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	3	4	7	4	11	10
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	18	31	31	38	29	38
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	1 662	1 996	2 351	2 679	3 015	3 046
51 Organic chemicals(d)	89	88	81	84	87	116
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	229	197	257	309	365	318
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	241	328	363	402	435	407
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(d)	456	564	701	771	894	979
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	132	172	208	258	300	296
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(d)	14	12	19	24	26	24
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	189	210	201	283	326	297
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	86	100	113	143	159	154
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	226	324	408	405	423	455

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	3 280	3 841	4 897	5 845	6 073	6 404
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	88	118	161	148	167	180
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	19	43	68	64	65	65
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(d)	8	9	15	11	23	37
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	75	104	102	124	162	188
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	221	246	222	153	179	210
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	150	175	259	356	460	507
67 Iron and steel	580	591	526	492	767	981
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	1 948	2 312	3 260	4 176	3 882	3 758
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	190	244	284	321	369	477
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1 612	2 612	2 706	2 780	3 684	4 630
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	229	296	337	326	428	543
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	241	306	305	340	423	517
73 Metal working machinery	27	26	40	37	69	82
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	180	237	287	341	384	475
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	220	390	429	417	564	720
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	66	88	121	167	238	320
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	181	255	290	293	363	470
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	262	438	517	420	595	847
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	206	577	381	440	619	657
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	659	854	1 031	1 050	1 381	1 319
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	10	16	21	28	30	43
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	22	34	41	36	44	34
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3	4	4	5	6	5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	23	39	60	62	114	130
85 Footwear	7	9	11	16	24	24
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	162	177	212	199	255	276
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	203	250	276	260	231	255
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	228	326	407	444	676	553
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 350	2 337	3 643	3 794	4 479	4 865
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	109	284	223	147	185	174
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	4	10	48	234	283	230
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	2	2	1	2	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	786	1 348	2 431	2 491	2 872	3 672
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	451	694	938	921	1 138	787
Total trade	32 793	35 806	40 721	44 007	49 078	52 399

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	6 690	7 341	7 911	9 022	9 844	9 257
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	221	284	368	515	463	470
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	79	108	120	146	157	150
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(d)	63	66	92	98	104	103
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	212	259	258	267	296	394
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	236	307	385	465	553	582
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	616	558	666	739	746	716
67 Iron and steel	1 144	1 211	1 496	1 580	1 757	1 623
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	3 558	3 996	3 900	4 518	5 043	4 434
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	561	551	625	694	725	785
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5 033	6 415	7 502	8 138	9 720	10 672
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	610	615	586	732	826	914
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	535	695	822	924	1 078	1 160
73 Metal working machinery	84	105	92	140	163	207
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	536	719	891	943	1 143	1 194
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	832	995	1 370	1 589	1 903	1 627
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	307	502	674	541	719	631
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	595	763	968	1 222	1 394	1 297
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	770	989	1 074	1 081	1 199	1 832
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	765	1 031	1 024	965	1 295	1 811
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 619	1 887	2 106	2 314	2 718	2 844
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	72	63	45	52	76	85
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	42	64	71	77	97	97
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	5	7	9	15	14	15
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	154	199	247	304	320	355
85 Footwear	30	41	61	58	66	65
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	329	395	416	442	543	630
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	287	397	460	511	562	580
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	701	722	798	857	1 039	1 017
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	5 309	5 562	6 965	6 205	7 208	6 476
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	211	219	348	413	459	517
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	300	267	253	206	145	116
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	1	1	1	—	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	4 023	4 315	5 269	4 699	5 545	4 717
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	775	759	1 095	886	1 058	1 125
Total trade	55 027	60 702	64 548	67 052	76 005	78 938

(a) See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(c) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

(e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c)

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals	1 418	1 612	1 669	1 833	1 898	1 916
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	81	113	148	156	139	73
01 Meat and meat preparations	17	16	19	30	22	36
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	78	81	88	91	106	124
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	333	423	409	437	425	447
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	69	73	72	72	94	105
05 Vegetables and fruit	263	271	285	375	415	383
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	23	28	34	44	51	61
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	419	405	379	353	331	309
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	38	55	48	73	69	65
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	97	147	187	202	246	313
1 Beverages and tobacco	298	327	345	366	396	395
11 Beverages	200	211	234	273	304	293
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	98	116	111	92	92	103
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1 023	1 083	1 323	1 607	1 539	1 220
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	4	4	10	12	12	10
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	8	10	19	50	27	58
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	76	88	100	114	93	77
24 Cork and wood	328	298	382	561	518	436
25 Pulp and waste paper	104	171	225	224	243	147
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	135	150	166	179	149	132
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	260	224	248	281	230	118
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	26	39	69	78	146	132
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	82	100	104	107	120	110
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 927	1 749	2 039	2 014	2 540	3 129
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	3	3	5	11	18	5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1 924	1 742	2 029	1 999	2 505	3 116
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	—	4	5	4	16	8
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	94	91	108	117	124	129
41 Animal oils and fats	1	2	1	3	2	2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	44	64	90	102	110	115
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.(d)	49	25	17	13	12	13
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	3 025	3 472	4 290	4 985	5 235	5 118
51 Organic chemicals(d)	766	881	1 106	1 160	1 071	1 004
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	249	322	515	682	767	661
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(d)	143	189	196	217	233	233
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	393	508	647	694	820	942
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	221	241	269	292	331	338
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)	147	140	138	214	252	276
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	16	14	266	717	650	595
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(d)	679	784	678	444	484	439
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(d)	412	394	474	564	627	629

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals	2 058	2 228	2 478	2 821	2 894	2 985
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	60	60	77	101	94	103
01 Meat and meat preparations	43	33	46	47	46	67
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	135	159	161	173	193	195
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	474	500	542	609	601	604
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	112	136	143	207	166	178
05 Vegetables and fruit	469	470	515	534	590	588
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	59	77	67	86	86	85
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	309	337	383	505	504	502
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	90	67	102	109	94	122
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	306	389	441	451	520	542
1 Beverages and tobacco	392	438	467	522	503	502
11 Beverages	281	319	332	336	339	351
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	111	119	135	186	165	152
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	1 280	1 506	1 595	1 794	1 576	1 487
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	6	5	3	4	2	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	61	68	81	133	98	95
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	82	104	117	153	155	136
24 Cork and wood	459	571	659	613	421	430
25 Pulp and waste paper	142	157	126	160	191	136
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	141	144	162	188	175	151
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(d)	139	147	141	171	150	139
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	129	165	141	179	178	174
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	123	146	165	193	206	223
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(d)	2 731	3 857	3 441	3 668	4 312	5 164
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	9	7	27	22	18	11
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(d)	2 712	3 829	3 392	3 608	4 234	5 055
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	10	21	23	38	59	97
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	150	190	203	232	268	266
41 Animal oils and fats	2	2	3	3	5	8
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	134	171	181	208	241	235
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	13	17	18	20	23	23
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	5 575	6 625	7 045	8 009	8 901	9 028
51 Organic chemicals(d)	1 095	1 402	1 615	1 795	1 919	2 040
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	720	655	488	639	832	700
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	270	320	340	372	385	408
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	1 053	1 393	1 427	1 562	1 830	1 998
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	383	463	527	568	609	636
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)	312	351	394	535	669	703
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	602	706	741	923	925	855
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(d)	483	562	635	719	757	721
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(d)	659	773	878	896	975	968

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-1990	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	5 620	6 185	7 104	7 954	8 219	7 396
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	126	152	159	151	137	121
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	450	462	571	682	750	661
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	168	169	203	233	227	214
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	842	1 013	1 191	1 296	1 297	1 155
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(d)	1 678	1 831	1 924	1 999	1 955	1 818
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	654	713	849	965	1 069	958
67 Iron and steel	609	634	830	1 078	1 039	883
68 Non-ferrous metals	165	203	246	357	396	385
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(d)	929	1 009	1 130	1 192	1 349	1 201
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)	15 141	15 389	16 381	20 623	23 452	21 687
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	991	1 217	1 210	1 126	1 384	1 259
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(d)	2 052	1 735	1 988	2 359	2 756	2 148
73 Metal working machinery	385	481	384	376	392	317
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(d)	1 854	1 984	2 307	2 518	2 977	2 716
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	2 174	2 558	2 646	3 327	3 557	3 375
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1 466	1 497	1 508	1 717	1 805	1 737
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	1 843	1 886	2 137	2 358	2 718	2 521
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	3 771	2 719	3 139	4 807	5 062	4 459
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	605	1 312	1 061	2 035	2 801	3 156
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)	4 669	5 185	5 590	6 429	6 880	6 955
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	80	75	100	125	145	139
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	238	235	252	285	338	291
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	147	180	187	190	210	215
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	568	657	717	759	908	956
85 Footwear	208	251	279	338	339	384
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	845	907	964	1 065	1 144	1 199
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(d)	635	720	718	782	783	778
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(d)	1 949	2 160	2 374	2 883	3 015	2 994
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 477	1 894	1 748	1 112	1 050	966
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1 235	1 585	1 396	752	599	214
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	13	15	31	20	35	20
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	8	2
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	114	140	80	151	285	623
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	114	153	241	188	123	108
Total trade	34 691	36 988	40 597	47 040	51 333	48 912

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	7 884	8 779	9 445	10 908	11 039	10 724
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	127	134	146	167	164	162
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	748	812	954	1 045	1 125	1 115
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	238	259	288	329	317	333
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	1 334	1 419	1 518	1 859	1 942	1 769
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(d)	2 021	2 144	2 246	2 454	2 359	2 284
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	928	1 033	1 080	1 213	1 188	1 244
67 Iron and steel	825	945	1 041	1 287	1 410	1 295
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	380	465	498	679	645	619
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(d)	1 283	1 569	1 674	1 876	1 890	1 902
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)	21 995	25 911	28 911	35 160	36 458	36 782
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1 292	1 605	1 690	1 769	1 998	1 895
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1 903	2 646	3 061	3 792	3 924	4 043
73 Metal working machinery	320	288	378	573	492	608
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(d)	2 718	3 110	3 638	4 299	4 470	4 649
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	3 637	4 239	4 828	5 728	6 033	5 984
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1 981	2 347	2 538	3 362	3 759	3 669
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(d)	2 836	3 362	4 051	4 909	5 316	4 912
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	4 808	6 161	7 108	8 678	7 980	8 579
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	2 499	2 154	1 620	2 050	2 487	2 443
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)	7 768	8 918	9 798	10 708	11 035	11 349
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(d)	155	177	191	218	221	234
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	320	350	396	444	464	532
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	241	270	286	338	362	339
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1 100	1 330	1 480	1 637	1 766	1 841
85 Footwear	411	512	512	570	574	623
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	1 282	1 569	1 707	1 834	1 911	1 944
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(d)	839	977	1 066	1 206	1 258	1 252
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	3 419	3 733	4 160	4 462	4 479	4 585
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 150	1 122	1 086	797	804	712
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	28	30	31	25	28	32
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	9	2	1	2	5	9
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 040	1 021	981	710	708	590
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s(e)	74	69	72	59	62	80
Total trade	50 984	59 575	64 470	74 619	77 792	78 998

(a) See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

(b) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989-90 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods.

(d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Country(a)(b)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Country or country group	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Association of South East												
Asian Nations (ASEAN)	2 153	2 410	3 085	3 875	5 110	6 388	7 337	8 780	9 038	10 439	11 717	12 257
Brunei	10	13	14	11	14	15	19	53	61	55	77	59
Indonesia	522	528	593	762	1 030	1 462	1 627	1 715	1 906	2 113	2 716	3 305
Laos	—	—	—	1	2	1	5	28	25	35	15	8
Malaysia	516	592	665	743	925	985	1 103	1 311	1 759	2 033	2 289	2 332
Myanmar	2	10	24	—	9	29	15	7	4	11	13	15
Philippines	204	259	266	422	470	437	513	598	699	839	1 075	1 226
Singapore	728	779	1 190	1 446	1 985	2 769	3 189	3 787	3 197	3 643	3 556	3 410
Thailand	164	224	324	468	591	665	816	1 205	1 278	1 560	1 779	1 693
Vietnam	7	5	9	22	84	25	50	76	111	150	198	211
European Union (EU)	4 830	5 837	6 455	6 385	7 083	6 608	7 148	7 341	7 605	7 498	8 464	8 174
Austria	21	12	18	11	22	26	24	27	28	32	36	21
Belgium-Luxembourg	267	298	374	386	482	448	594	618	458	466	668	923
Denmark	128	162	89	67	79	89	95	67	63	100	117	100
Finland	56	50	80	100	84	80	114	116	117	247	335	303
France	708	908	973	981	870	774	939	850	792	794	727	800
Germany	901	1 122	1 053	1 132	1 249	1 056	1 092	991	1 006	1 083	1 152	1 058
Greece	68	35	71	63	48	30	46	41	25	20	34	39
Ireland	8	6	8	7	16	16	19	22	28	42	50	53
Italy	687	823	1 053	1 012	1 038	923	979	872	1 052	1 250	1 282	1 354
Netherlands	439	598	601	681	1 042	1 016	856	876	703	707	695	586
Portugal	72	35	44	52	48	32	28	41	26	50	48	32
Spain	232	293	266	207	221	196	286	289	268	277	292	328
Sweden	90	121	124	137	148	127	145	136	139	155	200	220
United Kingdom	1 154	1 375	1 701	1 548	1 736	1 796	1 930	2 394	2 901	2 275	2 829	2 358
Other countries												
Brazil	98	139	100	115	128	138	225	289	319	307	389	333
Canada	460	650	706	710	760	802	845	1 158	1 149	1 150	1 267	1 178
China	1 497	1 592	1 230	1 257	1 171	1 348	1 458	2 268	2 590	2 964	3 781	3 584
Fiji	205	174	124	153	203	240	246	327	325	378	479	524
Hong Kong	727	1 087	1 961	1 856	1 342	1 560	2 106	2 597	2 797	2 632	3 052	3 105
India	428	425	500	551	588	667	754	889	865	979	1 185	1 493
Iran	305	344	363	334	546	477	261	371	535	237	541	925
Japan	9 308	9 083	10 667	11 978	12 781	14 378	14 574	15 206	15 924	16 282	16 429	15 376
Korea, Republic of	1 319	1 504	1 787	2 211	2 700	3 237	3 365	3 970	4 706	5 250	6 615	7 134
New Zealand	1 506	1 777	2 210	2 258	2 616	2 545	2 830	3 365	4 009	4 791	5 609	6 215
Papua New Guinea	562	651	761	789	815	779	883	855	954	933	1 048	1 272
Saudi Arabia	486	298	260	253	287	218	266	329	344	277	452	448
South Africa	138	154	149	156	112	178	226	334	350	566	776	1 015
Switzerland	57	365	339	359	712	1 256	655	302	270	286	519	237
Taiwan	1 061	1 229	1 355	1 593	1 821	1 962	2 519	2 680	2 757	3 102	3 452	3 620
Turkey	81	117	182	79	88	169	171	264	206	228	366	384
United Arab Emirates	179	222	224	266	274	278	329	408	417	338	542	665
United States of America	3 240	4 190	4 608	4 498	5 426	5 778	5 220	4 940	5 075	4 643	4 619	5 527
Other countries	3 684	3 150	3 187	3 899	4 015	2 707	2 977	3 159	3 495	3 198	3 954	4 857
Country Unknown	—	—	1	1	7	6	5	1	3	—	1	1
International Waters	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	188	249	—	93	—
Ship and Aircraft Stores	471	408	467	429	486	679	568	617	566	574	656	612
Unidentified	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	62	—	—	—	—
Total trade	32 793	35 806	40 721	44 007	49 078	52 399	55 027	60 702	64 548	67 052	76 005	78 938

(a) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(b) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Country(a)(b)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Country or country group	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Association of South East												
Asian Nations (ASEAN)	1 616	1 926	2 585	2 837	2 983	3 484	4 119	5 018	5 303	6 418	7 372	8 300
Brunei	—	32	28	32	24	41	82	50	17	22	—	—
Indonesia	209	311	588	419	441	784	995	1 305	1 105	1 198	1 522	1 864
Laos	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaysia	325	410	591	687	658	732	867	974	1 103	1 421	1 636	1 891
Myanmar	2	2	1	1	1	5	4	11	11	8	7	9
Philippines	123	113	127	165	150	129	143	177	188	259	260	282
Singapore	745	756	899	1 090	1 213	1 271	1 301	1 509	1 792	2 246	2 613	2 620
Thailand	201	284	331	420	479	505	647	756	794	970	1 005	1 201
Vietnam	11	17	20	21	17	18	79	237	291	295	329	433
European Union (EU)												
Austria	128	141	157	178	189	203	210	226	223	279	313	423
Belgium-Luxembourg	287	312	320	403	433	380	387	512	541	686	755	760
Denmark	173	177	190	202	251	207	230	274	300	340	336	383
Finland	208	263	293	352	311	303	322	415	463	635	684	606
France	776	829	892	1 267	1 166	1 233	1 336	1 481	1 542	1 754	1 867	1 980
Germany	2 728	2 795	2 932	2 970	3 443	3 115	3 007	3 383	3 759	4 861	4 862	4 558
Greece	47	45	50	77	68	45	49	51	52	63	78	95
Ireland	150	184	202	171	186	199	193	255	296	432	448	498
Italy	1 095	1 110	1 330	1 374	1 635	1 390	1 229	1 349	1 617	2 026	2 231	2 304
Netherlands	431	487	596	601	520	550	588	624	664	712	702	817
Portugal	35	32	47	58	61	52	59	63	66	81	94	106
Spain	156	141	190	208	219	204	179	218	288	484	519	458
Sweden	658	655	777	841	896	767	793	1 013	1 072	1 426	1 617	1 497
United Kingdom	2 516	2 706	3 012	3 454	3 356	3 302	3 102	3 395	3 698	4 439	4 882	5 182
Other countries												
Brazil	246	220	299	430	352	316	316	329	348	452	447	351
Canada	691	750	863	1 067	1 228	902	849	984	1 055	1 278	1 557	1 265
China	435	589	851	1 026	1 241	1 503	1 976	2 557	3 120	3 649	4 010	4 203
Fiji	50	28	44	99	93	90	101	130	163	185	235	264
Hong Kong	676	800	845	888	847	741	792	796	801	923	970	900
India	171	203	228	247	278	260	288	362	427	532	549	577
Iran	19	4	17	10	11	10	14	14	16	21	22	26
Japan	8 248	7 710	7 817	9 757	9 872	8 849	9 290	11 139	11 700	12 777	10 816	10 241
Korea, Republic of	557	891	1 020	1 262	1 254	1 254	1 213	1 696	1 882	2 028	2 293	2 550
New Zealand	1 455	1 431	1 733	1 970	2 173	2 150	2 399	2 785	3 201	3 554	3 591	3 685
Papua New Guinea	171	190	109	105	235	584	953	1 254	1 296	1 125	1 220	1 091
Saudi Arabia	471	437	419	458	676	843	643	812	593	750	874	858
South Africa	158	155	99	98	119	99	114	192	268	302	433	424
Switzerland	429	490	544	497	567	664	580	721	818	991	966	895
Taiwan	1 161	1 517	1 744	1 920	1 946	1 752	1 979	2 213	2 362	2 570	2 585	2 522
Turkey	13	20	33	32	55	32	46	39	45	58	73	74
United Arab Emirates	135	176	216	396	452	419	469	698	617	627	475	800
United States of America	7 285	8 118	8 532	10 129	12 373	11 475	11 743	13 004	14 017	16 044	17 545	17 642
Other countries	1 309	1 444	1 604	1 638	1 825	1 512	1 382	1 534	1 815	2 082	2 326	2 617
Country unknown	8	11	9	19	21	21	35	40	32	31	46	47
International waters	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	4	—	—
Unidentified	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total trade	34 691	36 988	40 597	47 040	51 333	48 912	50 984	59 575	64 470	74 619	77 792	78 998

(a) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989-90 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods.

(b) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains quarterly statistics of Australia's merchandise trade with its major trading partners and selected country groups.

2 The merchandise export and import statistics in this publication are compiled in broad agreement with the United Nations' recommendations for the compilation of international trade statistics. The paragraphs below briefly describe the concepts and methods used in their compilation.

RELATIONSHIP TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS STATISTICS

3 The basic source of balance of payments data on goods exports and imports is 'international merchandise trade statistics'. However, because of conceptual differences, various coverage, timing and (imports only) valuation adjustments are necessary before international trade statistics can be put on a balance of payments basis. For more information on the relationship between international merchandise trade statistics and balance of payments statistics on merchandise trade see Chapter 6 of *Balance of Payments, Australia: Summary of Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5351.0).

SOURCE OF DATA

4 International merchandise trade statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service (ACS).

SCOPE

5 Merchandise trade covers all movable goods which add to (imports) or subtract from (exports) the stock of material resources in Australia.

Excluded are:

- direct transit trade, i.e. goods being trans-shipped or moved through Australia for purposes of transport only;
- ships and aircraft moving through Australia while engaged in the transport of passengers or goods between Australia and other countries; and
- non-merchandise goods, consisting primarily of goods moving on a temporary basis (e.g. mobile equipment; goods under repair; goods for exhibition; and passengers' effects).

COVERAGE

6 The United Nations' recommendations for the compilation of merchandise trade statistics recognise that the basic source used by most compiling countries—the customs record—will not be able to capture certain transactions. In Australia the following types of goods which fall within the scope of merchandise trade, are excluded because customs entries are not required:

- migrants' and passengers' effects exported or imported; and
- parcel post exports and imports of small value.

For exports only:

- sales of aircraft (and parts or components) which were imported into Australia prior to 1 July 1987 for use on overseas routes;
- fish and other sea products landed abroad directly from the high seas by Australian ships; and
- from 1 July 1986 individual transaction lines (within an export consignment) where the value of the goods is less than \$500. Prior to that date, the value level was \$250.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COVERAGE *continued*

For imports only:

- bunkers, aviation fuel and stores supplied abroad to Australian ships and aircraft;
- prior to 1 July 1987 the delivery of certain aircraft (and parts and components) intended for use on overseas routes; and
- entries lodged on informal clearance documents (ICDs) for values not exceeding \$250. From 21 October 1985 onwards, ICDs for postal articles valued between \$250 and \$1000 are excluded.

In addition, although merchandise trade statistics should include illegal transactions, such as smuggled goods, these transactions are omitted as there is no practical way to collect this information.

BASIS OF COMPILATION

7 The merchandise trade statistics in this publication are recorded on a general trade basis, i.e. exports include both Australian produce and re-exports, and imports comprise goods entered directly for home consumption together with goods imported into bonded warehouses.

8 Australian produce is defined as goods, materials or articles which have been produced or manufactured in Australia. Processing and assembly operations that leave imported components and products essentially unchanged are not considered as production or manufacture.

9 Re-exports are defined as goods, materials or articles originally imported into Australia which are exported in the same condition or after undergoing minor operations (e.g. blending, packaging, bottling, cleaning, husking and shelling) which leave them essentially unchanged. Information on re-exports is shown in Table 25.

STATISTICAL PERIOD

10 From January 1988, exports are recorded in the calendar month in which the goods departed from Australia. Prior to January 1988, exports are recorded in the month in which the entries were processed by the ACS. For further details on the impact of the changed compilation basis on the merchandise export series refer to the article 'Changed timing basis for compilation of merchandise exports statistics' in the June 1992 issue of this publication.

11 Imports are generally recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are finalised by the ACS. Import entries may be lodged early and finalised prior to arrival, or their finalisation may be delayed because of the various validation checks carried out by ACS. Currently, approximately 85% of total import trade by value shown for a particular month reflects shipments which arrived in that month, while approximately 10% reflects shipments which arrived during the previous month with the remaining 5% by value arriving in earlier or later months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

12 Occasionally significant delays occur in the lodgement, rather than processing, of import entries. When the affected entries are for significant values, they are recorded statistically in the month that they should have been lodged and finalised.

VALUATION

13 The value of exports is the free on board (f.o.b.) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars. Goods shipped on consignment are initially valued at the f.o.b. Australian port of shipment equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale. Exporters who do not know the value of the goods at shipment and enter an approximate value must subsequently submit an entry either confirming or revising the estimated return.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

VALUATION *continued*

14 The value of imports is the Australian Customs Value. Goods are valued at the point of containerisation (in most cases) or the port of shipment, or at the customs frontier of the exporting country, whichever comes first.

15 Changes in Customs valuation introduced from 1 July 1989 with the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1989* are likely to have marginally raised Customs valuations. Data for periods from 1 July 1989 are therefore not fully comparable with data for previous periods. However, investigations of imports valuations, for years before and after the change have shown no measurable effect on the valuation of imports that can be attributed to the change in legislation. For details of the changes in legislation see the note 'Change in the Valuation of Imports' at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the 1989–90 issue of *Foreign Trade, Australia: Comparative and Summary Tables* (5410.0).

COUNTRY

16 For the purposes of international merchandise trade statistics, a country is defined as a geographical entity which trades, or has the potential to trade, with Australia in accordance with ACS provisions. External territories under Australian administration are treated as separate countries while self-governing territories and dependent territories under the administration of other countries may be treated as individual countries in Australian international merchandise trade statistics.

17 For exports, 'country' refers to the country to which the goods were consigned at the time of export. Where the country of consignment is not known at the time of export, and where it is impossible to determine the destination, goods are recorded as 'Destination Unknown'. Tables 7 and 33 which show exports by country also include the item "Ship and aircraft stores". "Ship and aircraft stores" comprise fuel, food and other goods loaded onto foreign owned vessels and aircraft to be consumed during international journeys.

18 For imports, 'country' refers to the country of origin of the goods, which is defined as the country of production for Customs purposes. Where the country of origin is not known at the time of import and where it is impossible to determine the origin, goods are recorded as 'Origin Unknown'. Goods reported with country of origin 'Australia' (i.e. goods of Australian origin exported and subsequently re-imported) are shown as country 'Australia (Re-imports)' and are included in the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation country group.

19 Wherever possible, statistics for countries and country groups for all time periods included in this publication reflect the composition of those countries and country groups on the last day of the reference period of this publication. Thus, after the German Democratic Republic and the German Federal Republic were reunited, statistics for all periods both before and after re-unification refer to the combined entity (called Germany in country classified statistics).

20 However, in the case of a country that breaks into a number of component entities, it is not possible to provide data for earlier periods for the new entities. For example, from October 1991, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are each separately identified in the statistics, but for earlier periods trade data for these three republics are included indistinguishably in data for the USSR.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COUNTRY *continued*

21 The country groups shown in this publication are selected economic groups with which Australia trades, namely:

- Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC);
- Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN);
- Developing Countries (DCs);
- European Union (EU).

22 A list of the countries included in each of the above groups is shown in the Appendix. Country groups may not be mutually exclusive e.g. Indonesia is included in APEC, ASEAN and as a Developing Country. The countries that belong to more than one group are identified with a footnote in the Appendix.

23 More details on the composition of countries identified in these statistics are available from the *Classification Manager* on Canberra (02) 6252 5409.

COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION

24 Commodity export and import statistics in Tables 9 to 24 of this publication are presented according to the codes and descriptions of the third revision of the United Nations' *Standard International Trade Classification* (SITC Rev3) with the addition of dummy codes to take account of Australia's treatment of gold coin, whether or not legal tender, and other legal tender coin and confidential items.

25 Tables 31 and 32 of this publication are presented according to the second revision of SITC for 1985–86 to December 1987 and according to SITC Rev3 from January 1988. See Appendix B of the 1988–89 issue of *Foreign Trade Australia: Comparative and Summary Tables* (5410.0) for details of Divisions significantly affected by this change.

STATE

26 State information for exports presented in Table 25 refers to the State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

27 State information for imports presented in Table 26 refers to the State where imported goods were released from Customs control, also called the State of final destination. The State of final destination is not necessarily the State in which the port of discharge of the goods is located. Goods can be forwarded interstate after discharge either under ACS control or not, but are recorded as being imported into the State where they are released by the ACS.

INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN

28 Exports and imports statistics classified by subdivisions of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) are shown in Tables 27 and 28. The statistics are compiled by allocating statistical items of the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) and the Harmonized Customs Tariff to the ANZSIC industry of origin based upon the main economic activities of those industries with which the commodities are primarily associated. A full description of ANZSIC classes is contained in the publication *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 1993 Edition* (1292.0).

BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

29 Merchandise trade in Tables 29 and 30 are classified according to the categories of the United Nations' *Classification By Broad Economic Categories* (BEC). The BEC classifies international merchandise trade statistics for the purposes of general economic analysis according to the main end use of the commodities traded. The statistics are compiled by allocating the statistical items of the AHECC and the Harmonized Customs Tariff to the appropriate BEC.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

CONFIDENTIALITY	<p>30 Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export and import figures, but they can affect statistics at all levels in country and commodity tables. More details on the confidentiality process can be obtained from the <i>Confidentiality Manager</i> on Canberra (02) 6252 5409.</p>
RELIABILITY	<p>31 Statistics in this publication for recent periods should be considered preliminary. Revisions to previously published data frequently occur due to continuing data quality checks.</p>
RELATED PUBLICATIONS	<p>32 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia</i> (5302.0)—issued quarterly▪ <i>Balance of Payments, Australia: Summary of Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (5351.0)—irregular issue▪ <i>Export Price Index, Australia</i> (6405.0)—issued quarterly▪ <i>Import Price Index, Australia</i> (6414.0)—issued quarterly▪ <i>International Merchandise Imports, Australia</i> (5439.0)—issued monthly▪ <i>International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia</i> (5368.0)—issued monthly <p>33 In addition, current statistics on international merchandise trade are contained in the <i>Year Book Australia</i> (1301.0), the <i>Pocket Year Book Australia</i> (1302.0) and the <i>Australian Economic Indicators</i> (1350.0).</p> <p>34 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the <i>Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia</i> (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a <i>Release Advice</i> (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and the Release Advice are available from any ABS office.</p>
RELATED INTERNATIONAL TRADE PRODUCTS	<p>35 A wide range of standard and customised International Trade data services is available on computer printout, floppy disk, magnetic tape or via electronic mail. These services are available on either a subscription or ad hoc basis. More information may be obtained by telephoning (02) 6252 5400.</p>
ROUNDING	<p>36 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.</p>
SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES	<p>37 The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this publication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— nil or rounded to zeron.e.c. not elsewhere classifiedn.e.s. not elsewhere specified.. not applicable

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MAJOR COUNTRY GROUPS

Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)

Australia
Brunei(a)
Canada
Chile(a)
China(a)
Hong Kong(a)
Indonesia(a)
Japan
Korea, Republic of(a)
Malaysia(a)
Mexico(a)
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Philippines(a)
Singapore(a)
Taiwan(a)
Thailand(a)
United States of America

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Brunei(a)
Indonesia(a)
Laos(a)
Malaysia(a)
Myanmar(a)
Philippines(a)
Singapore(a)
Thailand(a)
Vietnam(a)

Developing Countries (DCs)(b)

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
American Samoa
Angola
Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bermuda
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
British Indian Ocean Territory
British Virgin Islands
Brunei(a)
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Cayman Islands
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile(a)
China(a)
Colombia
Comoros, Republic of
Congo
Cook Islands

Developing Countries (DCs)(b) continued

Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador(a)
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
Fiji
French Polynesia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Gibraltar
Grenada
Guam
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong(a)
Hungary
India
Indonesia(a)
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jamaica
Johnston Islands
Jordan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, People's Democratic Republic of
Korea, Republic of(a)
Kuwait
Laos(a)
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Macau
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia(a)
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marianas, Northern
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico(a)
Micronesia, Fed States of
Midway Islands
Mongolia
Montserrat
Morocco
Mozambique

A P P E N D I X

MAJOR COUNTRY GROUPS

Developing countries (DCs)(b) *continued*

Myanmar(a)
Nauru
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands Antilles
New Caledonia
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Niue
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines(a)
Pitcairn Island
Poland
Qatar
Romania
Rwanda
St Christopher and Nevis
St Helena
St Lucia
St Pierre and Miquelon
St Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore(a)
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Syria
Taiwan(a)
Tanzania
Thailand(a)
Togo
Tokelau
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turks and Caicos Islands
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Vietnam(a)
Virgin Islands of the United States
Wake Island
Wallis and Futuna Islands
Yemen
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

European Union (EU)

Austria
Belgium-Luxembourg
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Ireland
Italy
Netherlands
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

(a) Also included in other country groups.

(b) Developing Countries as defined in Schedule 1 of the Harmonized Tariff (includes Forum Island Countries, Developing Countries and places treated as Developing Countries). Excludes Papua New Guinea.

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