

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA**

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DECEMBER IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	303
Beverages and tobacco	56
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	148
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	376
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	16
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	844
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 052
Machinery and transport equipment	3 868
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 125
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	136
Total imports	7 925

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data, including dissections by commodity and country of origin, are available from Client Services Statistical Support on Canberra 02 6252 5400. This information can also be provided on subscription.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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