

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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JANUARY IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	314
Beverages and tobacco	52
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	134
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	480
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	26
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	987
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 045
Machinery and transport equipment	3 786
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 139
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	153
Total imports	8 114

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, Australia* (Cat. No. 5422.0).

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Sharyn Sturgeon on Canberra 02 6252 5310, or Client Services in any ABS office as shown on the back cover of this publication.

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