

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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MARCH IMPORTS

	\$m
Food and live animals	328
Beverages and tobacco	57
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	145
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	347
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	23
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 127
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 097
Machinery and transport equipment	4 221
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 227
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	138
Total imports	8 709

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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