



# **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

**AUSTRALIA**

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## SEPTEMBER IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	309
Beverages and tobacco	76
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	158
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	456
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	26
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 074
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 138
Machinery and transport equipment	4 203
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 364
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	221
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9 024</b>

## 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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The October 1999 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 16 November 1999, and the November 1999 to March 2000 issues are expected to be released on 16 December 1999, 19 January 2000, 16 February 2000, 17 March 2000 and 18 April 2000.

### 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 Jan Gatenby 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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