

**INTERNATIONAL  
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

AUSTRALIA

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**KEY FIGURES**

	<b>February 2005</b>	<b>March 2005</b>	<b>April 2005</b>
	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Food and live animals	438	458	476
Beverages and tobacco	60	82	77
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	148	168	167
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 007	1 437	1 398
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	22	40	29
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 508	1 652	1 563
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 414	1 507	1 479
Machinery and transport equipment	4 701	5 638	5 501
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 632	1 511	1 674
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	181	218	230
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11 111</b>	<b>12 712</b>	<b>12 596</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. More detailed merchandise imports data are available by subscription to AusStats or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service.

REVISIONS

Revisions made to include the latest available merchandise import data incorporate civil aircraft imported in November 2004, December 2004 and March 2005.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

The May 2005 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 17 June 2005, and the June 2005 to October 2005 issues are expected to be released on 18 July 2005, 16 August 2005, 16 September 2005, 19 October 2005 and 16 November 2005.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details on the classifications used and basis of compilation, see the ABS publication *International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5489.0) which is accessible on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>, select *Themes* then *Economy* then *International Trade* then *Publications*.

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