

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	372
Beverages and tobacco	81
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	121
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	698
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	23
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 061
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 038
Machinery and transport equipment	4 292
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 226
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	244
Total imports	9 155

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 02 6252 5310, or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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