

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	October 2003	November 2003	December 2003
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	453	398	477
Beverages and tobacco	105	75	77
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	170	164	185
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	777	633	912
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	22	23	28
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 492	1 060	1 115
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 445	1 259	1 256
Machinery and transport equipment	5 464	4 853	5 217
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 816	1 531	1 472
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	187	190	295
Total imports	11 931	10 186	11 033

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

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