

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

| | November 2004 | December 2004 | January 2005 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Food and live animals | 501 | 497 | 469 |
| Beverages and tobacco | 103 | 107 | 77 |
| Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 182 | 146 | 164 |
| Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 1 328 | 1 353 | 1 000 |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 29 | 26 | 28 |
| Chemicals and related products, nes | 1 387 | 1 433 | 1 355 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 1 576 | 1 455 | 1 411 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 5 934 | 5 587 | 4 912 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 1 906 | 1 560 | 1 563 |
| Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC | 206 | 225 | 199 |
| TOTAL | 13 152 | 12 388 | 11 178 |

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 are available through the National Information and Referral Service, by subscription to AusStats, a 24 hour Internet access service to all ABS statistics, or by tailored subscription (telephone 1300 135 070).

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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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