

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	411	425	450
Beverages and tobacco	60	62	77
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	151	171	151
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 021	965	1 065
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	35	30	36
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 290	1 345	1 396
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 298	1 384	1 424
Machinery and transport equipment	5 142	6 040	6 023
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 441	1 644	1 756
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	166	254	179
TOTAL	11 014	12 320	12 558

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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