

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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MARCH IMPORTS

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| Food and live animals | 337 |
| Beverages and tobacco | 62 |
| Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 170 |
| Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 561 |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 24 |
| Chemical and related products n.e.s. | 1 230 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 1 207 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 4 592 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 1 335 |
| Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC | 138 |
| Total imports | 9 654 |

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 Christine McLaughlin on Canberra 02 6252 5313, or Client Services in any ABS office as shown on the back cover of this publication.

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